

## TOOLBOX TALK 10/60

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TOPIC: HAND PROTECTION

OBJECTIVE: THE MACHINE YOU CANNOT BUY.  
TO ENSURE WORKERS  
PROTECT THEIR HANDS













*Easiest way to conduct and document your safety meetings!*

### → Some things to know before you give your talk:

- Ask your crew to suppose they could buy two pocket size machines that could dress, wash and feed them. Machines that could write messages, operate tools and machinery, put things together and take them apart to provide a source of income.
- These machines exist but they are not for sale, because of course, they are our hands. Remind your crew that their hands are delicate and easily injured. They are exposed to more hazards than any other part of the body.
- Chemicals or hazardous materials present their own special or unique hazards. Before using any chemicals or hazardous materials, the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) on that material should be reviewed to determine what personal protective equipment is required that includes the necessary hand protection.

### → Here are a few ways to convince them:

Finger and hand related injuries account for 18% of all disabling injuries. Hands can be:






-  Caught in machines
-  Crushed by objects
-  Cut by saws, wires and other objects
-  Burned, punched and scraped
-  Sprained
-  Bruised
-  Twisted
-  Fractured
-  Amputated
-  To prevent any of these injuries never work without your gloves that the job specification requires.



### → Try this for show and tell!

-  Show your crew several different pairs of gloves that are available to protect their hands.

### → Questions you can use to get them talking:

-  Does everyone have adequate hand protection for their job?
-  Does everyone know where the Material Safety Data Sheets are located?
-  Has anyone ever had a hand accident – or know of someone who has?
-  Ask your crew to think about what life would be like without their hands.
-  Ask them to think about how many hundreds of times they use them each day.