

# Safety First Message

Week of: June 18 – June 24, 2023



**MATRIX**

# Summary



<b>Incidents Submitted for Investigation</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Potential Hazards Reported</b>	Overhanging pallets, MHE not signed out, liquid spill
<b>BBS Observations</b>	<b>5 (DC17)</b> <b>55 (DC30)</b>
<b>Hazard ID/Near Miss</b>	<b>1/0 (DC17)</b> <b>21/0 (DC30)</b>

# Warehouse Safety: Knife Safety and Hand Protection



## Why the Need for Hand Protection?



Each of us makes over 25 million hand movements in our lifetime.



There are 27 bones in each hand, over 25% of the bones in your entire body.



Your hands are the only area of your body that you actively put into or near high risk areas.



Your work depends on your hands!

PREVENT CUTS

Only use approved safety knives



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## ▪ Which ones are right for you?

- ✓ How do you determine what gloves you need for a task?
- ✓ How do you know if you even need gloves?
- ✓ What are the rules in place for Knife Safety & Gloves?
- ✓ What about chemicals – has anyone read the SDS?
- ✓ Where do I even get gloves?

- ## ▪ **If you don't know the answer to these questions, now is the time to ask!!**



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<b>Sunday</b>	All personnel (including contractors and vendors) must wear appropriate protective gloves when performing tasks. The types of gloves to be worn for each operation (task) will be based on hazards and risks associated with the activity
<b>Monday</b>	We may lift, push or pull (exposure to soft tissue injuries) hundreds of times per day; We may take thousands of steps per day; We will most likely use our fingers and hands tens of thousands of times per day - The more someone engages in an activity, the greater the risk of complacency, With so many hand movements the level of accepted risk rises (It wont happen to me)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Always use guards, shields, and other protective devices; Never bypass a guard; Always use the right tool for the job; Inspect equipment and machinery before use; Disconnect power and follow LOTO procedures before cleaning or repairing machinery
<b>Wednesday</b>	Never wear gloves, jewelry or loose clothing when working with moving machine parts; Always use the right PPE for the job; When using chemicals, consult the SDS or your supervisor for the proper glove type; When wearing gloves, make sure they fit properly and are rated for the specific task you are performing
<b>Thursday</b>	Do not use a knife on live electrical items like appliances, ensure that the knife has been used in a responsible and safe manner which is in compliance with manufacturer's instructions
<b>Friday</b>	Often, it is our non-dominant hand (the one we aren't using) that gets injured. This happens when we fail to think about where that other hand is while we focus on the hand doing the work - then that hand gets smashed, cut, pinched. Think about where BOTH hands are before doing something.
<b>Saturday</b>	Used blades are to be deposited into used blade containers that are located throughout the facility. DO not dispose off the blades into the garbage or universal waste bin.