

# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Protecting The Frontline



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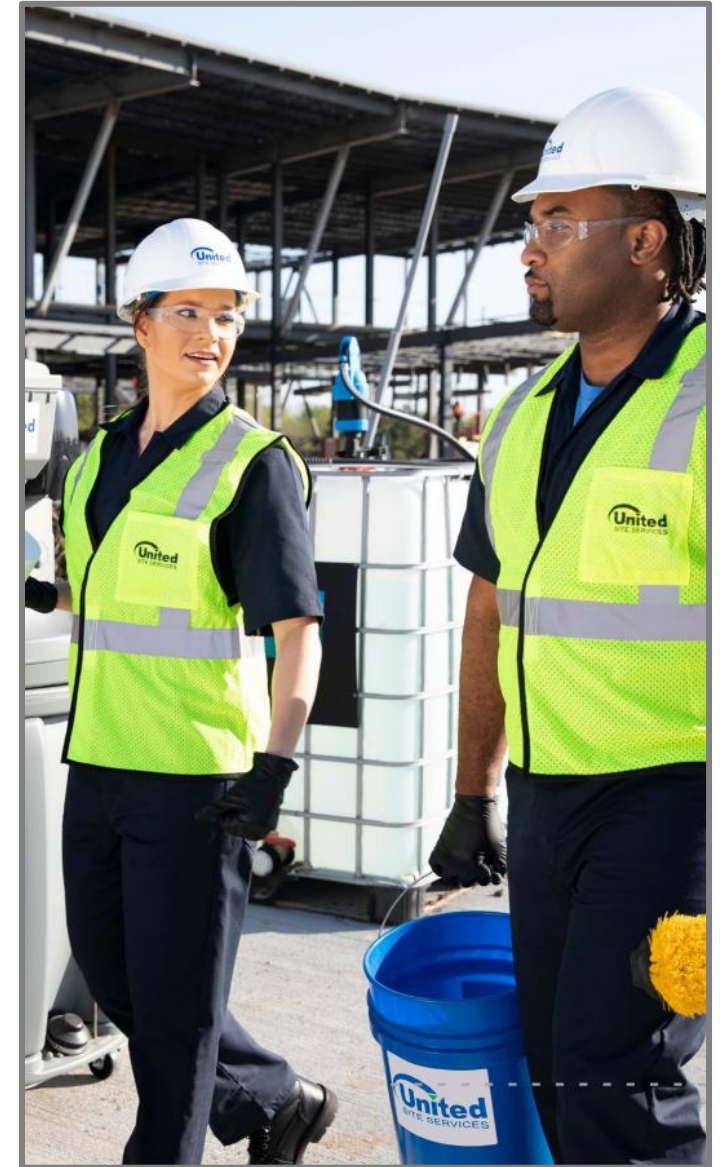
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# WELCOME!

Today we're going to talk about how the right PPE and hand safety habits protect you from the hazards of servicing units.

By the end, you'll know exactly what to wear, when to wear it, and how to keep your hands safe on the job.



# WHY THIS MATTERS

- You're exposed to chemicals, sharp objects, and moving equipment daily.
- Injuries to hands are a common injury for service techs.
- PPE is your first line of defense.



# OVERVIEW

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## PPE Basics

What's required for unit servicing.

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## Hand Hazards

Common risks during service.

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## Gloves Protection

Types and proper use.

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## Best Practices

Real day-to-day examples from the yard and routes.

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## Emergency Actions

What to do when something goes wrong.

# REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

## Safety Glasses

To protect your eyes from splashes, dust, or flying debris.



## Hard Hat

Designed to protect against both top and side impacts.



## Steel Toe Boots

To prevent crush injuries from heavy equipment or dropped objects.



## High-Visibility Vest

So, you're clearly seen by other drivers and teammates, especially in busy yards or traffic.



## Hard Outer Protective Gloves

To protect your hands from cuts, chemicals, and cross-contamination.



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- PPE must be worn before starting work—no exceptions.
- Always inspect PPE (e.g., cracked helmet, torn gloves).
- Company policy: “No PPE = No Work.”

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## Scenario:

You show up to the yard  
and your gloves are  
missing.

Do you grab the first  
pair you find?



# LET'S REVIEW!

Which of these is **NOT** PPE:

- Gloves
- Sunglasses
- Safety Helmet
- High-Vis Vest



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## Hand Safety

Hand safety is crucial for service technicians because their hands are constantly exposed to sharp edges, chemicals, and heavy equipment, making them the most vulnerable part of the body to injury.





## Hand Safety

### WHAT CAN HURT YOUR HANDS?

- Sharp edges (metal doors, broken plastic).
- Chemical burns from blue deodorizer or cleaning agents.
- Pinches or crush injuries (truck doors, hose clamps).
- Contamination from contact with waste.



# HAND SAFETY

## Discussion:

What's the worst cut, burn, or pinch injury you've seen on the job?



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## Choosing the Right Gloves:

- Chemical-resistant (for blue chemicals).
- Cut-resistant (Kevlar or heavy-duty).
- Cold-weather insulated gloves.

## Glove Rules of Thumb:

- Always wash or sanitize gloves after contact with waste.
- Replace damaged gloves immediately.
- Never service a unit bare-handed—even for “just a second”

# SUMMARY



- PPE is your **shield**—inspect it daily.
- Hands are at risk every time you touch a unit or hose—protect them.
- Choose the right gloves for the job.
- Follow best practices to prevent contamination and injury.



# LET'S REVIEW!

Name one common hand hazard in unit servicing.

Sharp edges, chemical burns.

What's the first step if your glove tears during work?

Replace immediately.

Why is it dangerous to work without gloves, even for a "quick task"?

Contamination, Injury

# REFERENCES

- **OSHA Personal Protective Equipment Standard – 29 CFR 1910.132**
- **1910.132(d)(1):** Employers must assess the workplace to determine necessary PPE.
- **1910.132(f)(1):** Requires **employee training** on when, what, and how to use PPE, including limitations and proper care.
- **OSHA Hand Protection Standard – 29 CFR 1910.138**
- **1910.138(a):** Employers must select and ensure employees use appropriate hand protection against hazards such as cuts, chemicals, burns, or harmful temperature extremes.
- **OSHA Hazard Communication – 29 CFR 1910.1200**
- Employees handling hazardous chemicals must receive training on PPE requirements (including gloves) for protection against exposure.
- **OSHA 1910 Subpart I – General PPE Requirements**
- Covers head, eye, hand, and body protection, all of which require training to ensure proper use and hazard awareness.
- **NIOSH – “Preventing Hand Injuries” and PPE Guidance**
- Recommends proactive training to reduce hand injuries, which are among the most common workplace injuries.

# THANK YOU

Every Service Counts – please continue your training in the subsequent modules for your role!

