



The purpose of this information sheet is to assist supervisors in the:

- selection of occupational gloves; and
- management of hazards which could cause a hand/arm injury at work.

Specific requirements may be outlined in the [Work Health and Safety \(WHS\) Regulations 2012 \(SA\)](#) and [Approved Codes of Practice](#). The references to the standards and resources have been included in this information sheet.

This Information Sheet should be read in conjunction with the [HSW Handbook Chapter Hazard Management](#).

PPE is the control measure and must not be relied on to satisfy hazard control requirements. This is because users have to remember to wear it, and it does nothing to minimise the underlying hazard. For these reasons, higher level controls must first be considered.

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Where a risk of injury or illness still remains after all other control measures have been applied, the Supervisor/Person in control of the area/activity may be able to further minimise the remaining risk, by the provision and use of suitable PPE to prevent damage to the hands/arms. Refer [WHS Regulations 2012 \(SA\) \[36\]](#). The glove forms a barrier between the hazard and the wearer.

Generally this would be applied as a result of:

- the Supervisor/Person in control of the area/activity mandating the use of hand/arm protection upon entry to the area as a general precaution such as in a workshop or laboratory, based on a reasonable assessment of the hazards in the area; and/or
- a risk assessment for a task (r) - 400 the (r)oc(s)2.3 (es)2.4 (21fl)3

more than one type is required;  
standard or equivalent standard; and  
continues to be effective.

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In accordance with AS/NZS 2161.1 (2016) the following examples provide some guidance on glove selection for some of the more common occupational hazards. Information should also be sought from the manufacturer/supplier/SDS where applicable.

Flame	Furnace work, handling hot objects	AS/NZS 2161.4 Leather/pigskin, aramid blends
Radiant heat	Welding, galvanizing, casting, timber and wood processing	AS/NZS 2161.4 Leather/pigskin, aramid blends,




