

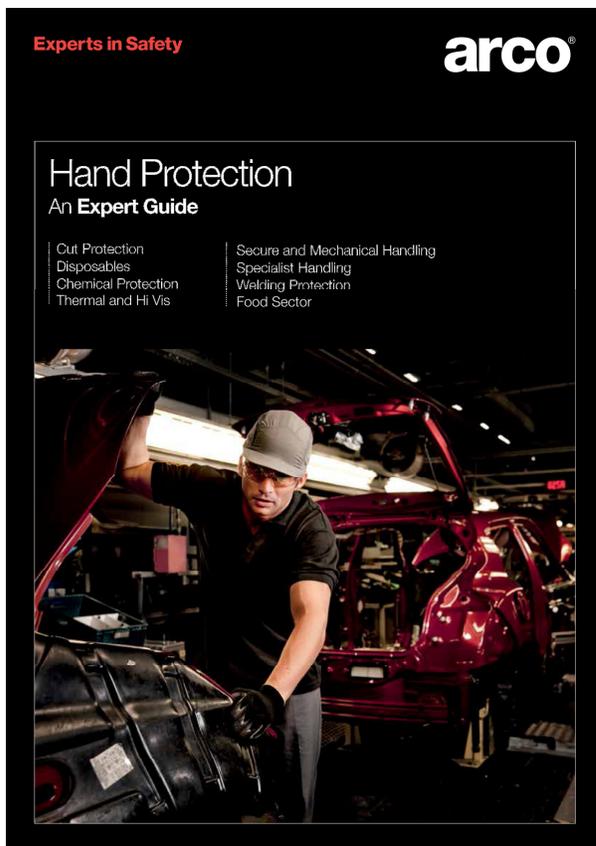
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Experts in Safety

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Hands-on Advice from Arco



Hands are incredibly vulnerable in the workplace and it's a part of the body that we often actively put into or near high risk areas. 2012/2013 figures released by the Health & Safety Executive (HSE) showed there to be more than 17,400 handling injuries to employees, with seven per cent being major and more than a quarter being over seven day injuries.^[1] Together with data from 2010/11, where it was reported 2,987 workers were "injured through cuts from sharp/coarse material or equipment or from trapped fingers"^[2], it's clear that employees still need to be made aware of the

risks and the protective solutions available.

In order to reduce handling injuries in the workplace, it's important that suitable protective gloves are worn. As part of it's commitment to safety Arco has produced a dedicated Expert Guide to Hand Protection. The Expert Guide will

provide customers with an overview of legislation, EN standards and workplace hazards, to assist in the selection of the right protection for the job.

Arco specialises in improving the glove wearing experience by using the latest innovative materials, ergonomic design and offering customers the best brands on the market. Its range includes hand protection solutions for cut resistance, manual handling, chemical protection, food handling and welding protection, through to disposable gloves for contamination prevention. The company's new Product Assurance laboratory offers customers the reassurance that the products they buy from Arco meet or exceed the current EN standards and offer high quality protection.

As the UK's leading safety supplier, Arco offers independent expert advice on a wide range of innovative gloves for various applications, with a dedicated Technical Sales Specialist for gloves and numerous hand protection experts nationwide. The Arco team can carry out risk assessments and determine site specific needs; all of which help customers conform to legislation and ensure compliance.

The Arco Expert Guide to Hand Protection can be downloaded free of charge at:

www.arco.co.uk/hands

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About Arco

Arco is the UK's leading safety company, distributing quality products and training and providing expert advice helping to shape the safety world and make work a safer place. Founded in 1884 and with a heritage spanning four generations, Arco integrates traditional family values with pioneering innovation to offer a world-class range of over 170,000 quality assured, branded and own brand products, including personal protective equipment, clothing, footwear, gloves, workplace safety and hygiene products. Headquartered in Hull, Arco reaches its customers through its extensive product catalogue, interactive website and a network of over 40 trade counters. The company has sales of over £240m and employs approximately 1500 people. Arco is an active member of the British Safety Industry Federation (BSIF) and is a member of their Registered Safety Suppliers Scheme. Arco has been accredited a 'One to Watch' status in the Best Companies Times Top 100 Survey and has been ranked in the Sunday Times Grant Thornton Top Track 250 league table, which recognises Britain's top-performing mid-market private companies by sales.

Arco is dedicated to its Corporate Social Responsibility policy and continually demonstrates its support of local business communities and charitable organisations, donating in excess of 1% of pre tax profits annually. In 2007, Arco became a member of the Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI) and in 2010 a member of Sedex, the Supplier Ethical Data Exchange. Arco's newest partnership is with the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA), which sees the company support its rapid response service and develop bespoke hazardwear for the paramedics and YAA staff. Arco further demonstrates its position as the UK's leading safety company as the exclusive supplier of PPE, footwear and workwear to the BLOODHOUND project's

support team involved with the design, build and race of a car to raise the world land speed record to 1,000mph in 2015. For more information, visit www.arco.co.uk

[1] <http://www.hse.gov.uk/statistics/causinj/handling-injuries.pdf>

[2] Source: HSE Hands-On online statistics tool