

PROTECT YOUR DIGITS

Hand injuries, especially to fingers, are a major risk in manufacturing where machinery and tools are constantly in use. These injuries can range from minor cuts to severe lacerations, fractures, and even amputations.

Prioritizing hand safety is essential to protect your most valuable assets—your fingers.

WHAT TO KNOW:

- PROTECTING YOUR DIGITS



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11 WAYS TO SAVE 10 DIGITS!

By following these tips, you can significantly reduce the risk of hand injuries and keep your fingers safe.

1. **Stay Alert:** Always be aware of your hands. Know where you are placing them and what the risks are if you can't see what they're doing.
2. **Avoid Pinch Points:** Know the pinch points and steer clear of hazardous spots.
3. **Anticipate Tool Slips:** Expect resistance when using tools and be prepared for slips.
4. **Inspect Tools:** Ensure tools are in good condition and safe to use.
5. **Take Breaks:** Regularly rest when using vibrating tools; warm your hands in cold environments.
6. **Stop Moving Equipment:** Never work on equipment that is in motion.
7. **Replace Machine Guards:** Always reinstall guards after repairs.
8. **Disable Automatic Start:** Ensure equipment cannot start automatically before working on it.
9. **Mind Doors:** Keep hands clear when closing doors. And watch for children's fingers in the family car.
10. **Wear Protective Gloves:** Use gloves to guard against sharp objects, splinters, chemicals, vibrations and other hazards that could injure bare hands and fingers.
11. **Work at a Safe Pace:** Avoid rushing to reduce the risk of injuries.

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