

# TOOL BOX TALKS

## Preventing Cardboard Cuts

Many companies bring products into their facilities, or ship products out of their facilities using corrugated cardboard boxes or containers. Cardboard has multiple layers, which can be very sharp. Cardboard cuts the hand in the same manner that paper cuts the hand and fingers. Cardboard cuts seem to be deeper, longer and more painful than the paper cut. There are a few things we can do to avoid cardboard cuts. Review the following with your employees:

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#### CARDBOARD CUTS

- Slow to heal
- Painful
- VERY painful if a cardboard cut occurs over the top of another cardboard cut!
- If the cut is on a knuckle or on the inside of a finger joint, an adhesive bandage will not cover it well
- Cardboard cuts increase overall stress on employees
- Cardboard can absorb the natural oils in the skin, leaving hands dry, cracked and in pain.

#### PREVENTING CARDBOARD CUTS

- Wear protective gloves that offer both dexterity and increased grip on cardboard.
- Dyneema gloves are a great alternative.
- Keep hands clean and moisturized with lotion.
- Keep fingernails short.
- Slow down and do not get into a hurry.
- Use a safety knife or a sharp knife to cut cardboard.



Examples of Dyneema gloves by PK Safety Supply

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