



with Portland Cement

the first glove down to remove only the glove fingers. The cuff should still cover the palm or your hand. Remove the second glove by grabbing it with the first glove, then slip off the first glove.

Good Practices for Other Protective Clothing and Equipment


- Wear waterproof boots when necessary to prevent wet cement from coming into contact with your skin.
- Boots need to be high enough to prevent wet cement from getting inside. It is suggested that workers tuck their pants inside and wrap duct tape around the top of the boots to prevent wet cement from entering.
- Select boots that are sturdy, slip resistant and strong enough to resist punctures and tears.
- Change protective boots if they become ineffective or contaminated on the inside with wet cement.
- Change out of any work clothes that become contaminated with wet cement and keep them separate from your street clothes.
- When kneeling on wet cement, use waterproof kneepads or dry kneeboards to prevent the knees from coming into contact with the wet cement.

- Wear proper eye protection when working with portland cement.

If Contact Occurs

According to "An Employer's Guide to Skin Protection," employees who come in contact with portland cement should take the following actions:

- Wash affected areas of the skin with clean, cool water. Use a pH-neutral or slightly acidic soap. Check with the soap supplier or manufacturer for information on the acidity and alkalinity of the soap.
- Consider using a mildly acidic solution, such as diluted vinegar, or a buffering solution to neutralize caustic residues of cement on the skin.
- Do not wash with abrasives or waterless hand cleaners, such as alcohol-based gels or citrus cleaners.
- Do not use lanolin, petroleum jelly or other skin softening products. These substances can seal cement residue to the skin, increase the skin's ability to absorb contaminants and irritate the skin. Such products should never be used to treat cement burns.

For more information on these guidelines go to: www.osha.gov/dsg/guidance/cement-guidance.html. 

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