



Health Information



Skin diseases are one of the most common diseases in industrial workplaces and can, as well as cause health problems, result in ending the profession and job loss. The wearing of protective gloves and the use of skin protection products are essential in prevention. This applies when working with skin damaging or degreasing substances, but also in wet work, such as washing, doing the dishes, gardening, masonry (brick laying). You can choose from a variety of materials, e.g. more and more people use vinyl and nitrile rubber instead of latex. For use over longer periods of time, gloves with an inner layer of cotton may be helpful. In workshops sprayable protective creams such as a "liquid glove", are often used. For care-work the principle applies: "Disinfect instead of washing!", as washing damages the natural skin protection.

Practical Information

For questions such as: "may a household washing machine be used in industry?" Or "under what conditions is the use of extinguishing spray cans recommended?" the guidelines increasingly refer to the result of a risk assessment, which is carried out by competent specialists taking into account the relevant regulations and individual factors such as type of use, duration, environment, involved persons,...



Every employer is required by law to determine for the employees what risks and stress they are exposed to in connection with their work, in order to minimize them. The employees must be instructed about the continuing risk prior to commencing work. See the submission "Basic Instruction" in the safety manual on the USB website! In addition, the employer receives support from the works doctor, the managers and assistants for occupational safety and safety representatives.

News



Rainer Holz, castellan of the EFG Celle, was accepted as **local officer for occupational health and safety (Ortskraft für Arbeitssicherheit)** and will support the USB team in doing risk assessments, see www.usb-net.de/profil/team/.

The [USB Info 1/19 „Insurance“](#) addresses the three basic conditions that lead to the reimbursement of benefits by the accident insurance institutions, which also includes the employers' liability insurance associations (BGs): 1. insured person, 2. insured activity, 3. external impact on the body. Even aids, such as glasses, can be reimbursed within the scope of insurance coverage.



Further Training



The next occupational safety conference for assistants and managers for occupational health and safety and will take place from 25th – 27th October in 61382 Dorfweil / Schmitten. Registration via www.usb-net.de.

*"Do not blame God if he does not give you what you want. You deserve something better."
Jürgen Werth*