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FROM PROTECTION TO PREVENTION

How to keep your workers safe (Automotive Edition)

Working in the automotive industry is rather dangerous in many respects. According to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), there were 7,000 injuries in the motor repair industry over the last five years.*

From oil changes to repairing electrical system malfunctions to maintenance and repair work, automotive technicians perform a wide range of tasks involving sharp objects, hot materials and greasy tools. As technicians move between applications throughout the day, they need high cut and heat protection that doesn't compromise dexterity or durability.

Here are a few safety tips to help prevent your workers from getting hurt while working:

Provide protective gloves

Always make sure your workers wear strong protective gloves if there's a risk of abrasive materials making contact with their hands. These gloves protect against exterior damages caused by continuous friction against other surfaces.

Provide protective suits

Overalls protect workers from exposure to oils or toxic battery liquids. When handling irritants including spray paints, always take preventative measures to reduce any risk.

Throw away worn out pieces

Make sure to keep oily and overused gloves or cloths out of the pockets since in the long run, the oil may damage the skin.

Store all equipment properly

Once your workers have completed a task, ensure any tools or materials are stored back in its original place. This avoids any loss of equipment, keeps the work area organized and prevents slips, trips and falls.

Understand how tools are used

Working with the wrong equipment or equipment your workers don't fully understand can lead to accidents and injuries so don't take the risk. Avoid using certain tools until the appropriate training has been conducted.

Know the basics of health and safety

Make sure your workers have caught up with the company's H&S procedures.

Repair faulty tools

Make sure all work environments are clear and free from leaked oils which can cause floors to become slippery. Ensure faulty machinery and tools are well-maintained to avoid leaks on the floor.

Make sure all vehicles are in a stable position

If your workers must operate beneath a vehicle for any reason, ensure it's well supported, and they have followed all the correct procedures to hang the vehicle correctly so that it won't fall and hurt any of them.



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* Source: HSE, 2013. Evaluation of the HSE worker involvement training courses.