

Best Practice – Consider at all locations

Arm Protection during the handling and use of materials with sharp edges

Many activities involve materials or objects with sharp edges or corners which present a risk of cuts to the arms as well as hands.

Typical trades affected could be SFS, dry lining and ductwork installers but it could also be relevant for people working above suspended ceiling grid for example.

Arm protection can take different forms such as:

- gauntlet type gloves, or
- 'Arm-guards' worn separately to the gloves, such as those worn by the operative in the photo.

Activity risk assessments should consider the risk of injury to forearms, and where the risk can't be reduced by other means, this additional PPE needs to be provided and used.

Ensure this is discussed at SHE Pre-start meetings.

