

# SELECTING a work glove for the CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



We've surveyed hundreds of customers and found the construction industry to be among the highest for hand injuries. The average rate of hand injuries (reported to us, not to OSHA)

**5.4 per 100 employees per year.**



**The number one injury reported** was cuts, with bruises from impacts a close second.

**Construction companies told us they pay an average of \$5-8/pr**

for their work gloves and expect to get about 10 days out of each pair of work gloves.



Over the course of a 45-year career, a construction worker has a **1 in 200** chance of dying.



**60%** of construction workplace injuries occur within the employee's first year of employment.



Between 2002 and 2012,

**20%**

of all workplace deaths were from the construction industry



Construction is the second leading industry in the USA for fatal injuries in workers younger than 18.



**20%**

The job with the highest injury rates in the construction industry is ironwork



## HAND INJURIES

Rate of injuries by company size

**100 employees**  
32 hand injuries per 100 employees

**100-500 employees**  
6 hand injuries per 100 employees

**+500 employees**  
slightly less than 1 hand injuries per 100 employees.

That means you are 40x more likely to have a hand injury if you work at a company with fewer than 100 employees vs. a company with more than 500!



## THE COST OF GLOVES

We compared the cost of gloves by company size



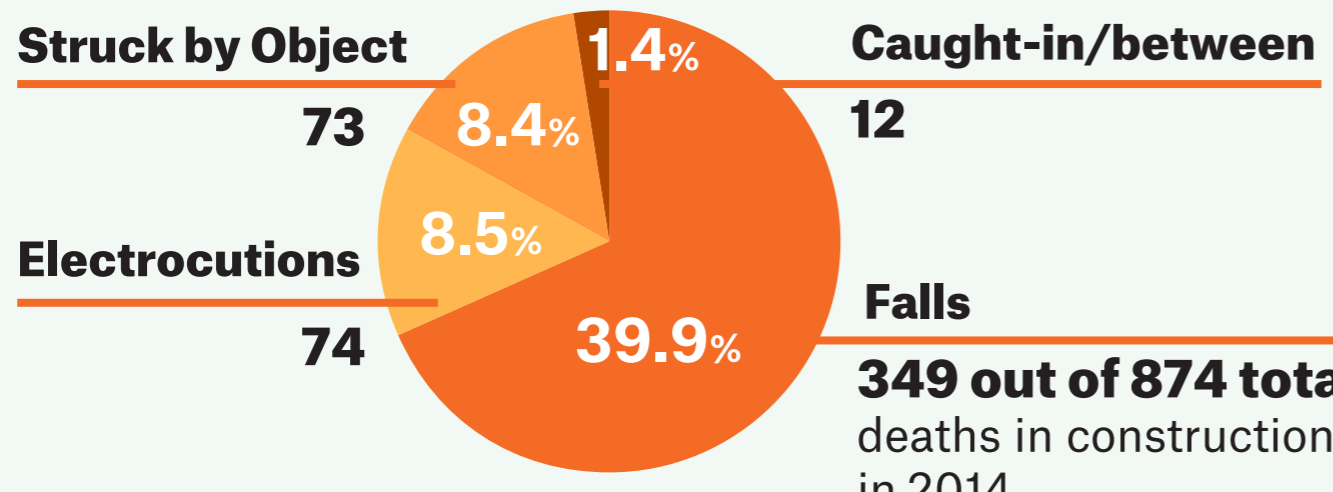
**< 100 employees**

**\$3-4** average cost per pair of gloves. (With a glove lifespan of 4-5 days)

**> +500 employees**

**\$5-8** average cost per pair of gloves. (With a glove lifespan of 10 days)

## Construction's "FATAL FOUR"



- These "Fatal Four" were responsible for more than half (58.1%) of construction worker deaths in 2014\*, BLS reports.
- Eliminating the Fatal Four would save 508 workers' lives in the USA every year.

## TAKEAWAYS FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES

Smaller construction companies incorporate best practices from larger companies.

If you can't afford a full-time HSE manager, put someone in charge of health and safety.

Visit larger construction companies and talk to their Safety Managers.



Buy better gloves! If you're using \$3 gloves, upgrade to \$8 gloves that have at least an ANSI cut level 2 rating. (You save money in the long run!)



You will get at least **2X** the life from the gloves.



**THE BIG SAVING?**  
- Reducing the amount of hand injuries.



## CONSIDER GLOVES WITH CUT RESISTANCE AND IMPACT PROTECTION.



- Again, the **TOP 2 INJURIES** for construction companies are cuts and bruises.
- A good cut/impact resistant glove will address your two biggest issues.



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