

CRADLE TO CRADLE RUBBER GLOVES



When working with live lines and energized circuits/equipment the risk for electrical contact, causing significant injury or death is high. As a result, it is important to ensure that you are properly trained for this type of hazardous work.

If you are working on energized circuits or equipment, you should always wear protective rubber gloves and sleeves. The gloves and sleeves must be rated for the exposure of the highest possible voltage that you may encounter.

This type of PPE is commonly used when working from an aerial lift or bucket truck. It should be worn “cradle-to-cradle.” This means that you wear it from the time you are on the ground, prior to commencing work, to the time that you are back on the ground after all the work is complete.

Whenever you are working with live lines or energized circuits between 50 and 600 volts, you should wear Class 0 rubber gloves with leather protectors. Rubber sleeves are not necessary when working with less than 600 volts, unless your arms are exposed to the live device or you will breach the 5-foot rule.

The 5-foot rule requires properly rated sleeves be worn in addition to properly rated gloves when working within 5 feet of a primary source. As a general rule of thumb, rubber protective sleeves should meet or exceed the class rating of the rubber gloves that you are using.

When these appropriate safety precautions cannot be met, discuss alternative work methods with your supervisor and alert any other colleagues involved with the job.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What does “cradle to cradle” mean?

When would you wear Class 0 rubber gloves with leather protectors?

Rubber sleeves are not necessary when working with less than what?

What is the 5-foot rule?

What should you do when these appropriate safety precautions cannot be met?

SAFETY TALK ATTENDANCE ROSTER



COMPANY: _____ JOB/DEPT: _____

DATE: ___/___/___ TIME: _____

TOPICS ADDRESSED: _____

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EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: _____

ACTION TAKEN: _____

Supervisor's Signature

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Date

Safety Coordinator's Signature

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