

Did You Know...

DIRTY OR CONTAMINATED GLOVES BEING STORED IN YOUR HARD HAT COULD LEAD TO SKIN INFECTION

The use of a hard hat has undoubtedly saved many lives. However, workers can develop a severe skin infection on their heads, called cellulitis. A possible cause was storing dirty/soiled gloves within the individuals hard hat.

Potential Causes and Risk Factors of Cellulitis

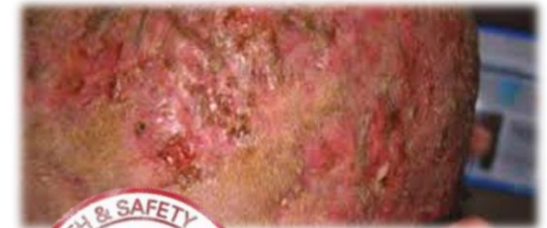
Our skin normally has many active bacteria living on it. Healthy skin is an effective barrier which stops skin bacteria from entering and growing inside the body.

However, when there is a break in the skin, bacteria can easily enter the body and grow, causing a bacterial infection and skin inflammation.

Work gloves are designed to protect the hands from injury and contamination, by preventing entrance to the body through the skin surface. If placed in a hard hat, the exterior of the dirty gloves can have direct contact with the skin, which can cause infection, especially if there is a cut or abrasion in the skin.

Tips:

- Do not store dirty or soiled gloves inside your hard hat
- Regularly check your skin for cuts and abrasions
- Cover any cuts or abrasions with a suitable dressing
- Check your PPE regularly



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