

Save Your Skin

Wear the proper protective clothing!

● **Take care of your protective clothing.** If there are any rips or holes, replace or fix the clothing.

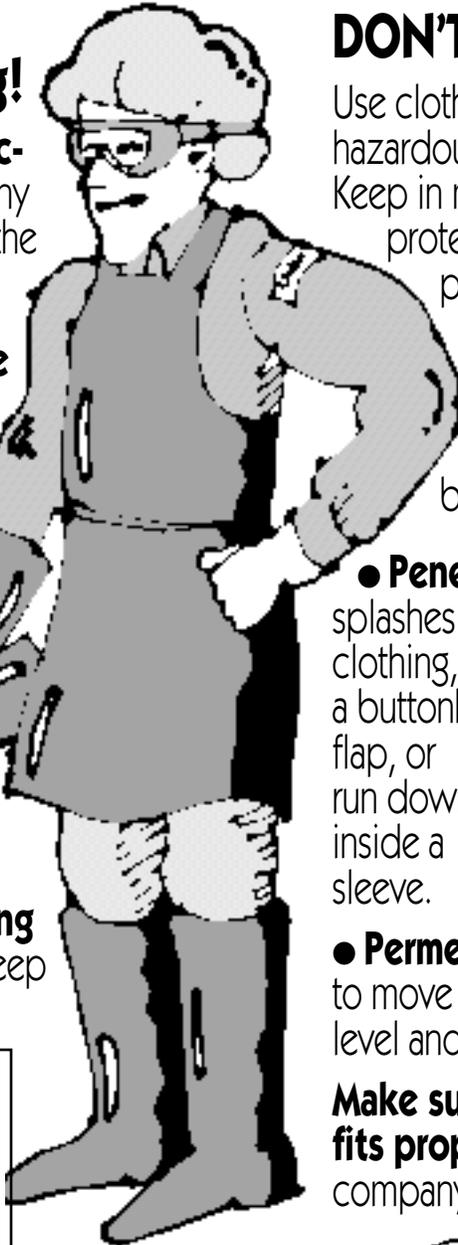
● **Wear long gloves of the type** to protect your hands and arms if you work with chemicals.

● **Wear protective gloves, boots, aprons, eyewear, etc.,** if you work in an area with liquids, vapors, or fumes.

● **Store protective clothing** in a separate locker. Don't keep it with your street clothes



● **Select the right protective equipment for the job!**

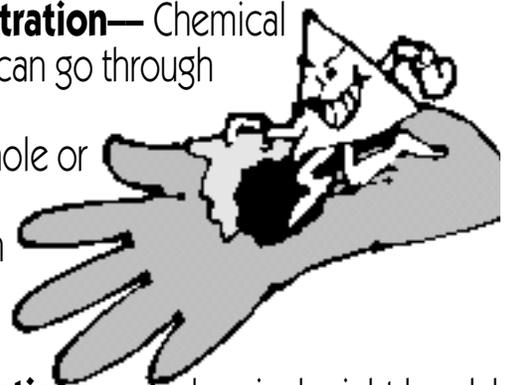


DON'T SUBSTITUTE!

Use clothing recommended for the type of hazardous substance you are working with. Keep in mind that certain factors affect protective clothing's ability to provide protection. They are:

● **Degradation**— Clothes can be degraded by chemicals. They dissolve, swell, become soft or brittle.

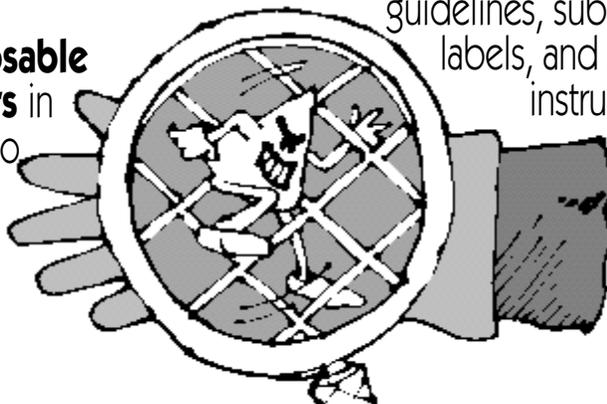
● **Penetration**— Chemical splashes can go through clothing, a buttonhole or flap, or run down inside a sleeve.



● **Permeation**— A chemical might be able to move through the material on a molecular level and get onto your skin.

Make sure chemical-protective clothing fits properly. Choose it according to company policy, and follow manufacturer's guidelines, substance labels, and MSDS instructions.

● **Use disposable cotton liners** in your gloves to absorb perspiration.



If Your Skin Does Get Exposed. . . .

If your skin is exposed to hazardous substances or other irritants, ACT FAST!

- Remove contaminated clothing while showering, if possible.
- Remove clothing from top to bottom.
- Wash the exposed area with lots of soap and water for at least 15 minutes.
- Wash all exposed parts of your body, including hair.

If you see symptoms such as...

- infection
- persistent dryness or crustiness ● itching
- pain ● swelling ● redness ● anything unusual

see your medical department or doctor immediately.

Remember, warning signals are trying to tell you something. Ignoring a problem will only make it harder to treat.

Always use skin safety sense.

- Keep your body, clothes, and work area clean.
- Use protective creams and lotions recommended by your organization.
- Treat skin abrasions to guard against entrance of infectious agents.
- Follow instructions for handling hazardous materials.
- If you come in contact with a skin irritant, wash immediately.
- Seek medical help promptly if you see symptoms of skin disease.

