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Chemical protection in safe hands with Marigold Industrial®

Workers in the cleaning industry face a wide range of chemical hand hazards every working day, from mild detergents and water through to strong cleaning agents.

Failure to properly protect the hands against even the mildest chemical cleaning solutions and detergents, which break down the skin's natural defences, is likely to result in painful skin problems and disease such as irritant dermatitis.

For those with responsibility for protecting workers in the cleaning sector, hand protection expert Marigold Industrial® has one of the widest ranges of chemical protective gloves available, backed up with a range of educational support materials including its Chemical Permeation Chart and Grasp HAP Report.

From protecting the hands against extremely strong and hazardous heavy duty cleaning and degreasing chemicals through to general cleaning applications, Marigold Industrial has over 30 products ideally suited to those working with chemicals, all of which can be found in the company's product guide or on its website at www.marigold-industrial.com

"Workers in the cleaning industry really are in the firing line when it comes to potential skin problems. In addition to strong cleaning agents, which can cause instant skin damage, even mild detergents, which seemingly do not cause harm, attack the skin, stripping the natural protective oils away. Left unprotected, over time the skin will eventually break down, resulting in extremely painful skin damage and potentially, irritant dermatitis.

"The result will not only be the loss of a worker but also the very real threat for the employer of litigation and fines – as was the case recently with Unilever which was fined over £28,000 for not protecting the hands of workers who suffered irritant dermatitis due to exposure to hazardous chemicals," said John Williams, UK Sales Manager of Marigold Industrial Ltd.

"For anyone working with cleaning chemicals it is essential that they are provided with the right type of gloves for the substances they will be coming into contact with and the way in which they work with them – whether they are immersing their hands in the chemical or need splash protection.

"Determining which glove material will provide the best level of protection against a specific cleaning chemical is not always a straightforward process so it's essential to use information such as our chemical permeation chart to see how gloves perform and protect against some of the main chemicals used in the workplace," he added.

