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Safe Use of a Scraper Blade

We have had recent incidents where cleaners have suffered cuts to their hands when using a scraper blade to remove things like stickers stuck fast to hard surfaces.

To protect yourself when using a scraper tool, the following controls must be complied with:

* **Wear cut resistant gloves**. A high grade cut resistant glove is **mandatory on the ‘free’ hand not holding the scraper blade**.
* **Wear safety glasses** to protect your eyes from objects that might break off and flick up to your eye area. This includes the blade of the scraper.
* Cut away from the body and keep body parts away from the path the scraper might take if it slips.
* Do not apply excessive pressure. If the task requires excessive pressure, stop and consult your Supervisor.
* Do not carry scrapers in pockets.
* Refer to *Work Instruction Safe Use of Scraper Blades* for more information.

 

