

HOW TO INSPECT CHEMICAL PROTECTIVE GLOVES & CLOTHING PRIOR TO USE

More than ever, workers are conscious of the importance of wearing undamaged Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). PPE, such as chemical and biological protective gloves and clothing, should be inspected before and after use for signs of weakness, damage, or wear that could indicate a reduced level of effectiveness. This guideline provides a basic process to help workers with the inspection of their protective gloves and clothing before and after every use.

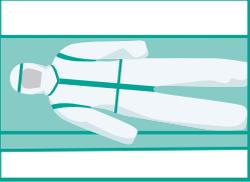
The need to replace PPE, or its suitability for re-use will vary based on individual applications. Careful consideration should be given to how the PPE has been used and what hazards it has been exposed to. Organisations should provide guidance on the safe use and re-use of PPE based on their specific work environment.

Visual inspection of reusable gloves

<p>1</p>	 <p>Are there holes, snags, tears, or frayed yarn?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If so, replace the gloves.</p>	<p>2</p>	 <p>Has the material been compromised or degraded?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If so, replace the gloves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Can skin be seen through the material? <input type="checkbox"/> Has the material hardened or cracked? <input type="checkbox"/> Are there signs of chemical burns? <input type="checkbox"/> Are the gloves swollen in any way? <input type="checkbox"/> Is there visible discoloration?
<p>3</p>	 <p>Do the gloves fit?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, replace the gloves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the material or liner too tight? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves should fit snug, but not so tight to impede movement • Some gloves may shrink if laundered at high temperatures <input type="checkbox"/> Is the material or liner stretched out or loose-fitting? <input type="checkbox"/> Do the gloves slide or fall off? 	<p>4</p>	 <p>Look for symmetry - Does one side match the other?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, replace the gloves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is either side distorted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One side should be a mirror image of the other <input type="checkbox"/> Are there defects hidden by stains or discolorations? <input type="checkbox"/> Do they compare to a new pair of gloves?

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Visual inspection of suits and gowns

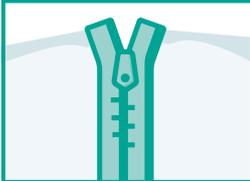
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Lay the garment on a clean, smooth surface to proceed with the inspection
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Check the material for any visible defects including holes, tears, snags or cuts
✔ If so, replace the suit or gown.
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Examine ancillary parts (e.g. attached gloves, visors, boots) for signs of wear and tear, or damage
✔ If so, replace the suit or gown.
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Look carefully for any signs of degradation or aging; such as discolouration, swelling, stiffness and brittleness
✔ If so, replace the suit or gown.
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Check the seams to ensure they remain intact
✔ If not, replace the suit or gown.
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(If present) check for proper functioning of the zipper or other closures e.g. velcro, studs
✔ If not, replace the suit or gown.
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(If fitted) check the function of the glove connector system, ensuring there are no obvious gaps between the garment sleeve and protective glove
✔ If so, replace the suit or gown.
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Check the elastic (if present) to ensure it is not damaged and it remains flexible and fully attached to enable effective joining with other PPE such as respirators or protective gloves
✔ If not, replace the suit or gown.

Important: Always refer to the IFU that is delivered with each Personal Protective Equipment. If any defect or malfunction is found, the PPE must be taken out of service.

Please contact customer service or visit www.ansell.com for more information.

Disclaimer: Employers must ensure workers are trained on the hazards in the workplace as well as the proper disposal of regulated waste and PPE. Since Ansell does not control the environment in which the reuse decisions of Ansell products, whether alone or in combination with additional PPE for an application is the final responsibility of the user.

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