

## **Check PPE for Wear & Tear**

### **TBT 164 What Happened**

•An operative was laying block paving, his cut 3 gloves started to wear at the fingers, he didn't have any spare gloves and was going to continue working with worn out gloves.



**Worn Gloves**

### **What's the worst that could have happened?**

•The fingers could have become sore & caused an infection.

### **What could have been done differently?**

- Carry out your SPSA and inspect all PPE as you proceed.
- Keep all PPE clean and in good condition, change all PPE at the first sign of wear & tear.
- Ensure you always have spare PPE for the duration of your task.
- Use the correct type of PPE for the task.
- Ensure the JSA clearly states the correct PPE for the task.
- Ensure you have the correct size PPE, don't use PPE that's too big or too small.

**Remember PPE is not the first line of defence but the last.**