

**WORKSAFE SERVICES DIVISION
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY
LEGISLATION INTERPRETATIONS**



Topic	First Aid – Latex & vinyl gloves	Issued by: V.P., WorkSafe Services
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SCHEDULE C

Contents of first aid kit:

6 pairs of disposable gloves (latex or vinyl)

Question

One of my first aid providers has a latex allergy, can we use the vinyl gloves or should we equip our first aid kit with nitrile or polyurethane gloves?

Response

Latex gloves are appropriate for procedures and tasks considered moderate to high-risk for exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials. However, as allergies and sensitivities to latex have become a concern, Nitrile or polyurethane gloves are acceptable substitutes as they are also appropriate for use in moderate to high-risk procedures or tasks.

Vinyl gloves are appropriate only for procedures or tasks that involve a low risk of exposure to blood and other potentially infectious materials, such as removing a foreign object from an eye, stabilizing a broken bone or performing CPR where there is no blood.

Regardless of the glove used, they must be of medical grade quality.