



## WHEN TO PUT ON

- Approaching a patient
- Treating a patient
- Changing between patients

Gloves are used as a barrier to yourself and your patient. They are also used as a barrier from patient to patient and clinical area to other areas.

## WHEN TO DOUBLE GLOVE

- Mass Casualty Incident
- At a heavily contaminated patient or scene

Use of double gloves enables the top glove to be easily replaced as you move from patient to patient without the sweat and stickiness of the hands.



## WHEN NOT TO USE

- All other times including
- In a non-patient compartment
  - Anytime driving
  - For longer than necessary without replacement and hand hygiene between use

The longer you wear gloves, the more they disintegrate and become an infection control issue. Also, if you wear them in the incorrect locations, you are potentially spreading infection outside the controlled area e.g. into the driver cabin of the ambulance.

## DO NOT

- Use gloves as a notepad
- Use as balloons for paediatric patients

When you do not have time to fill out the PCR/ePCR, you may use silk tape attached to your uniform trouser leg or a disposable index card as alternative methods for temporarily recording patient observations. These methods are much safer than recording details on your glove, which may cause damage to the glove or delay proper disposal on removal, increasing the risk of exposure to infection.

Blown up gloves pose a choking risk to paediatric patients who may bite them and choke on fragments of glove.