

# Autoclaves/Sterilizers

## Hazards

- potential for burns or cuts while handling or sorting hot sterilized items or sharp instruments
- Use appropriate hand protection when hands are exposed to hazards such as cuts, lacerations or thermal burns.
- Using oven mitts for handling hot items, and steel mesh gloves for handling or sorting sharp instruments are examples of appropriate PPE.



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## Things to pay attention

- Ensure that the autoclave/sterilizer door is closed and locked before beginning the cycle.
- Do not remove items from an autoclave/sterilizer until they have cooled.
- Avoid handling the sharp ends of instruments.
- Use forceps or other tools to remove sharp instruments from baskets and autoclaves.

