



What harm can a glove cause?

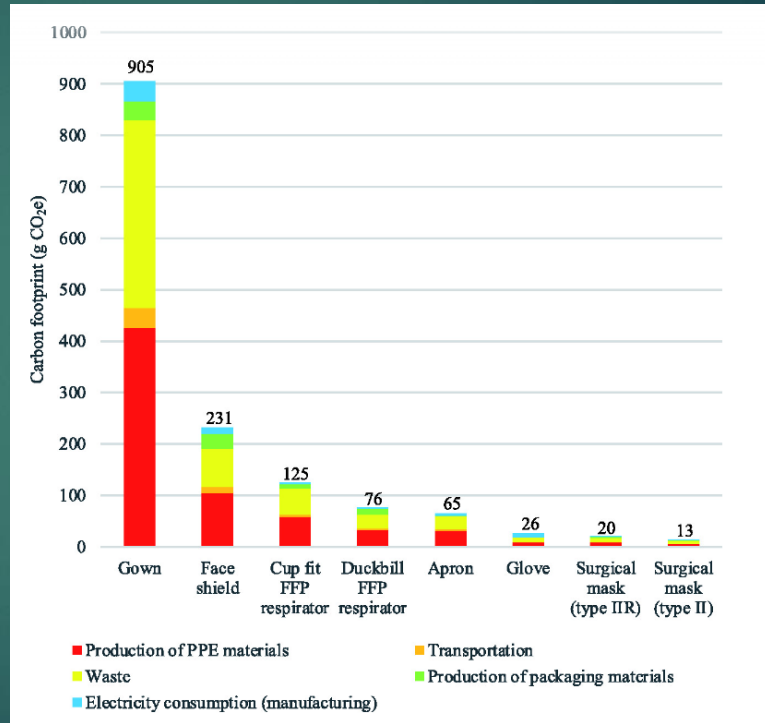
ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN IMPACTS OF GLOVE USE

Climate impact

Carbon footprint of a glove

1 glove \equiv 26g CO₂e

[Rizan , Reed and Bhutta \(2021\)](#)



Climate impact

100 gloves in a box

Box of gloves \equiv 2.6kg CO₂e



Some context

UK average CO₂ emissions per car:
221.4 grams per mile

Department for Transport (2020)



Comparison

1 box of gloves



12 miles in a car



February to August 2020

1,839,235,000 gloves

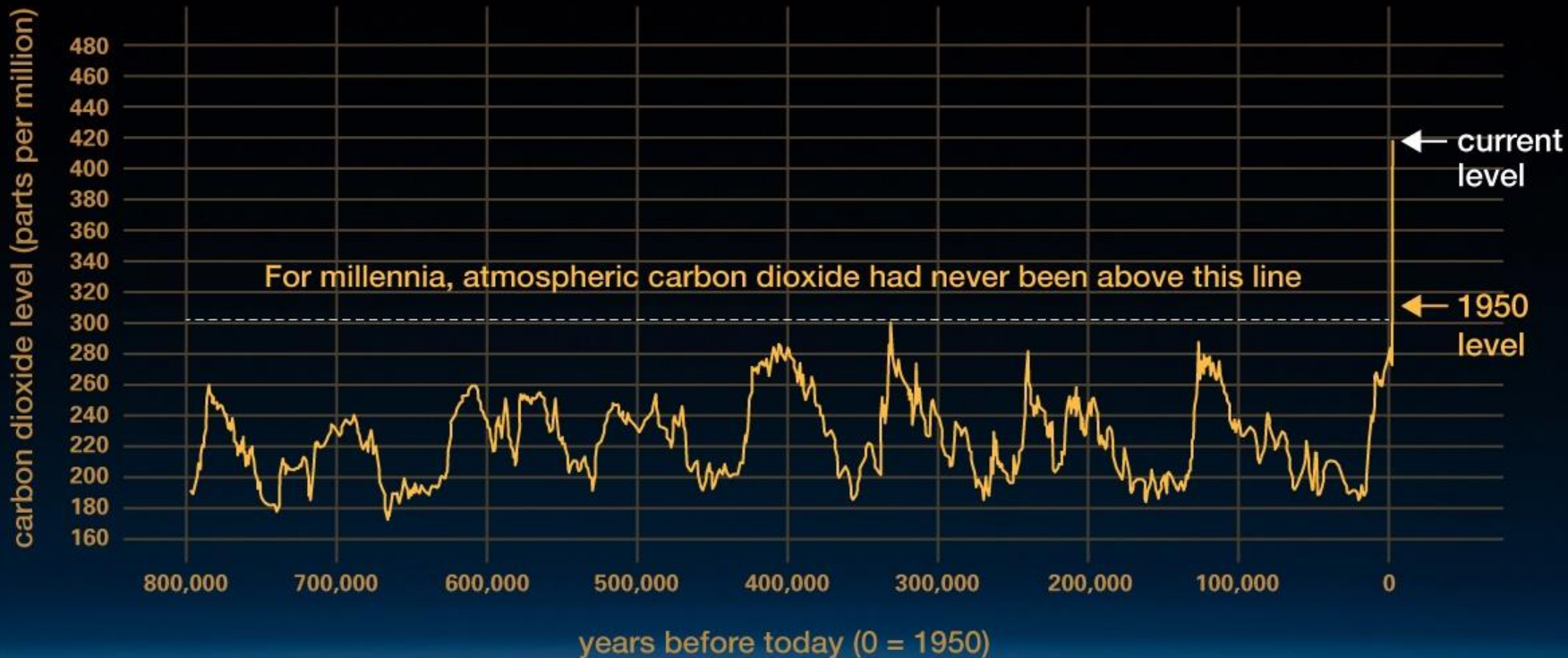
47,820,110 kg CO₂e

216 million miles in a car



To the moon and back 450 times





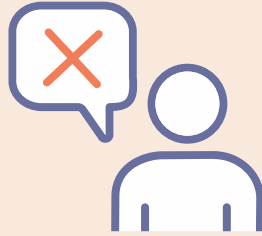


And the human impact?





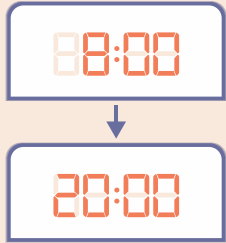
43% workers took out a loan to pay recruitment fees, averaging over \$2,000, which took 11.7 months on average to repay



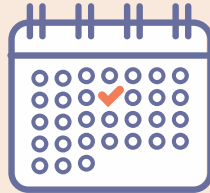
31% reported that their recruitment agency threatened them to not speak about recruitment fees



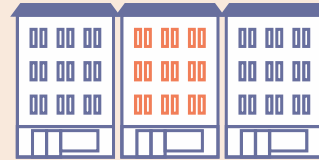
47% felt unable to leave their employment due to contractual or other restrictions



Workers worked an average of **12 hours a day**



10% reported receiving no days off on average in the last three months, **31%** had just one day off per month



51% reported congested accommodation

2021

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July 2021





We feel it is worse than
slavery. Slaves work for free
but we pay money to work

Asad (immigrant worker)
Hartalega gloves factory, Malaysia



PPE is a privilege



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Let's get the gloves off



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