## BitePRO® Product Selection Guide

In addition to the age, size and strength of an individual who represents a bite risk, factors such as the severity of a bite and the level of intent to cause injury, the level and frequency of staff exposure to biting behaviour, the nature of the working environment, and the organisation's philosophy regarding minimising and managing biting behaviour, can all influence what products are the best for a customer's needs.

Please refer the following guidance when making your product selections...

#### **About our Fabric**

Any BitePRO® garment that is grey in colour, is manufactured from our Cut-Tex® PRO fabric which achieves the highest achievable European ratings for Blade Cut Resistance, Tear Resistance, and Puncture Resistance. It is also extremely lightweight, durable, supple, soft against the skin, and comfortable to wear for long periods.

Cut-Tex® PRO fabric is equivalent in thickness to what you might see in a conventional sweater or pullover.



# What is the difference between bite resistant and bite proof?

There is no such thing as bite 'proof' fabric - at least not that is designed for use in healthcare, education, and social care settings. If any provider or supplier claims that their fabric is bite resistant and/or bite proof, make sure you request a copy of their independent testing certification as evidence to substantiate their claim

Used for their intended applications, BitePRO® clothing significantly reduces the risk of human teeth penetrating the wearer's skin, but it cannot eliminate the risk of injury altogether. If you face an elevated risk of injury from being bitten, we recommend you combine different products from our range to further minimise the risk of any injury, but particularly broken skin.





### Turtleneck Jacket (800001) Hoodie (100103) V-Neck Sweatshirt (100109)







Be it specialist education, healthcare or social care, most of our customers invest in these given that they provide maximum coverage of the upper body in a single garment. They are also breathable, do not restrict movement, and are comfortable to wear for long periods. Furthermore, for additional protection where necessary, they can be combined effectively with our V3 or V5 Arm Guards. The V-Neck Sweatshirt can also be worn as an undergarment beneath the Turtleneck Jacket or Hoodie, effectively.

### **V3 Arm Guards (100504)**

Designed for use in low-risk situations, our V3 Arm Guards provide a good basic level of protection for most special education and healthcare settings where there is always, at the very least, a small element of risk of being bitten, scratched, or nipped. Coverage is limited to the back of the hands up to the elbow. The V3 also makes a good product to supplement (to wear together with) other BitePRO® products – particularly our Gloves and/or Turtleneck Jacket if the risk of assault is anything greater than low/minimal.



### **V5 Arm Guards (100505)**

Similar to the V3 but offering full coverage to the arms. Offers an enhanced level of protection to the V3, for most special education settings where there is always, at the very least, a small element of risk of being bitten, scratched, or nipped.





### V1 Arm Guards (100500)

Comprises a bite resistant base layer and fluid-repellent and wipe-clean outer layer. Whilst providing the same 'wrist to elbow' coverage as the V3, the 2-layer composition of the V4 together with its water repellent and wipe-clean qualities make it a good choice if the risk of an assault of any kind – but especially if it could involve spitting - is elevated.



# V1 Arm Guards with Added Protection (100503)

In addition to a base layer of BitePRO® fabric and a fluid-repellent and wipe-clean outer layer, the V4 features a lightweight, high density foam inner layer offering maximum protection against biting and blunt force trauma.



### **V4 Arm Guards (100502)**

Comprises a bite resistant base layer and fluid-repellent and wipe-clean outer layer. Whilst providing the same 'wrist to elbow' coverage as the V5, the 2-layer composition of the V4 together with its water repellent and wipe-clean qualities, make it a good choice if the risk of an assault of any kind – but especially if it could involve spitting - is elevated.





# V4 Arm Guards with Added Protection (100506)

In addition to a bite resistant base layer and a fluid-repellent and wipe-clean outer layer, the V4 features a lightweight, high density foam inner layer offering maximum protection against biting and blunt force trauma.



### **Chest Protector (400112)**

I expect many of your staff that support people exhibiting challenging behaviour, are female. We frequently hear reports about female personnel being bitten on the breast/breast area, and the injuries to such soft tissue are often very serious. This product is extremely comfortable, lightweight and, considering the level of protection it affords, discrete. It is designed to be worn over or under other clothing and can be put on and taken off within seconds.



#### **Gloves**

Fingers and thumbs are particularly susceptible to being bitten. Full fingered versions are available in both short (wrist length) and long (elbow length) versions. We also provide a fingerless version that combines protection with the ability to perform dextrous tasks.





### Long Johns (200102)

These offer protection wherever a bite or scratch risk is present but are particularly important during physical restraint practices when the lower limbs are at their most vulnerable.



### **Leg Guards (200200)**

Featuring the same 3-layer composition as the V1 Arm Guards with Added Protection and V4 Arm Guards with Added Protection, our Leg Guards are a great solution where there's a risk of being bitten, scratched, or kicked particularly during restraint practices when the lower limbs are at their most vulnerable.



