



Eye Protection

Just the Facts:

Wearing the right eye protection can prevent most workplace eye injuries. Safety glasses with sideshields are the most common form of eye protection on the jobsite. These glasses can be prescription or non-prescription. They should also include some form of UV protection.

For welding, eye protection must also be marked with the shade number.

Causes of Eye Injuries:

There are many potential eye hazards on a construction worksite. These include:

- flying dust and grit;
- welding arcs;
- sparks and slag from welding and cutting;
- abrasives from sandblasting;
- chemical splash; and
- sun and wind

While dust and dirt occasionally flying into the eye is common, larger pieces of wood, stone and concrete coming at quick speeds can leave you temporarily or permanently blinded.

Identify Controls:

Most eye injuries can be prevented by wearing the correct protection.

- Never wear contact lenses on site. Dust and other particles can get under the lens. If you must wear contact lenses for medical reasons, wear appropriate eye protection as well.
- Keep your safety glasses on when you wear other protection such as a welding helmet or faceshield. When you lift up the visor or shield you may still be exposed to flying chips, dust or other hazards.
- Match eye protection to the hazard. Goggles that protect you from dust may not protect you from splash or radiation.
- Make sure your eyewear fits properly.

Demonstrate

Take a look at eye protection used by your crew. Point out any cracked or broken frames and scratched or pitted lenses that should be replaced.

Review the company policy on providing and replacing eyewear.

Review any special requirements for welding helmets, sandblasting hoods, faceshields, etc.



SAFETY TALK

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Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Name & Number of Safety Talk

Employee Name:

Employee Signature:

Concerns:

Corrective Actions:
