

“The eyes see only what the mind is prepared to comprehend.”

~H. Bergson

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QUICK TIPS:

If safety glasses are foggy or scratched, they actually compound risk instead of mitigating it. As with all safety equipment, make sure that your safety glasses are clean and functional prior to use.



Tech Corner:

Some safety glasses have been designed with built-in hearing protection. If you lose your ear plugs often, these may be a good solution.



Eye Protection

Each day, more than 2,000 employees in the United States sustain eye injuries while at work. Each year, over 60,000 of these injuries result in time away from work. Analyses have revealed that wearing eye protection can reduce the severity and number of incidents by ninety percent. Most workers that perform extremely dangerous tasks, like welding and auto repair, wear safety glasses all day, every day. To these workers, wearing safety equipment is commonplace and expected.



However, low-risk tasks, such as stapling paper and replacing light bulbs, also merit the use of eye protection. Employers are required to provide employment, and a place of employment, that are free of recognized hazards. This includes the availability of functional eye protection when necessary. It is the employee's responsibility to determine when and where to use this equipment if policies and procedures do not specifically identify hazards and protective measures. The following website provides valuable information on when, where, and which type of eye protection you should wear. After reviewing the site, you may be able to identify employees, areas, or tasks within your workplace that could benefit from the availability of eye protection.

WORKPLACE EYE SAFETY

Getting Started

This week's Safety Notes link will direct you to a site that provides the top 10 ways to prevent eye injuries at work. Most of these are easy, low-cost practices that can reduce the likelihood of an on-the-job eye injury.

Top 10 ways to prevent eye injuries

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