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	<u>Eye Safety</u>	

Scope:

Eye injuries are a very common injury in the workplace. In most cases, they are almost always preventable.

Eye injuries can be caused by many hazards in the workplace and when carrying out dangerous jobs such as welding. Some of the most common hazards are flying dust and debris, exposure to dangerous chemicals, UV exposure, blunt trauma to the eyes and heat exposure to the eyes.

Things to Consider

Identify Hazards – before carrying out a task, make sure that you identify all of the potential hazards that could cause eye injuries. For every hazard you identify, put in place safeguards to remove the risk.

Wear Correct PPE – always make sure that you wear the approved personal protection equipment (PPE) when carrying out a job where there is a potential risk of eye injuries. Eye safety PPE includes glasses, face shields, and goggles. The exact type will depend on the job you are working on.



Protect Your Co-Workers – if carrying out a job such as welding, make sure that you put proper barriers up so that your co-workers can avoid UV exposure.

Follow Emergency Procedures – if something does, unfortunately, get into your eyes, don't rub or scratch your eye as this can make the damage worse. The correct procedure is to go to your nearest eye wash station or use a saline bottle to rinse your eye out and if necessary, seek medical treatment. If you wear contact lenses, remove them before rinsing your eyes out.

Takeaway Points:

Know the eye safety dangers for the task and at your worksite.

Eliminate hazards before starting work by using machine guards, work screens or other engineering controls.

Use proper eye protection.

Keep your safety eyewear in good condition and have it replaced if it becomes damaged



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Applicable Legislation:

[Personal protective equipment \(PPE\)](#)

[Management of H&S at work with risk assessment](#)

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