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RISK REMINDER

Eye Hazards



Good vision is priceless! Luckily, 90 percent of all workplace eye injuries are preventable with the use of proper safety eyewear. Despite the good news, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that eye injuries in the workplace cost over \$467 million annually. Adding indirect costs such as legal fees, judgements, and training replacement workers, places the estimated total above \$934 million each year.

Nearly one million Americans have already lost some degree of sight to an eye injury. With over 365,000 work-related eye injuries still occurring each year, Americans could use a few tips on how to prevent eye injuries in the workplace.

Watch Out for Common Eye Hazards

- Flying particles from grinding, sawing, etching and other machine operations.
- Sparks from welding and other operations.
- Fumes and splashes from molten materials and chemicals.
- Harmful light rays from arc and electrical welding, furnace operations and acetylene torches.

Use the Right Eye Protection for your job...

- ANSI approved.
- Properly fitted.
- In good repair.
- *Never depend on regular glasses or contact lenses to protect you!*

Eye Safety Checklist

- ✓ Be alert to eye hazards at your worksite
- ✓ Follow established safety guidelines
- ✓ Learn first aid for eye injuries
- ✓ Know where all eyewash stations and emergency equipment are
- ✓ Get prompt medical attention for any eye injury
- ✓ Ask your supervisor if it's safe to wear contact lenses in your work area

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