



Eye Protection



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Eye Protection is mandatory in all areas where there is potential for injury. This applies not only to persons who work continuously in these areas, but **also to persons who may be in the area only temporarily, such as**

maintenance or clerical personnel.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

Eye injury can lead to permanent blindness. Eye protection requires different types of PPE for different jobs. PPE for eye protection includes: safety glasses, side shields for safety glasses, goggles, face shields, welding goggles, laser glasses or protective screens. Goggles and face shields offer the best protection against splashes. Use added eye protection when handling molten metal. Face shields alone offer only partial protection.



Eyewash stations: Work areas and tasks where eyewash stations are necessary when the MSDS or label (for any chemical in use) indicates the first aid response requires flushing with water. **If you get something in your eyes, go to the nearest eyewash station and continuously flush your eyes for at least 15 - 30 minutes.** Do not rub your eyes as this can scratch them to push the material deeper. Remember the first fifteen (15) seconds after exposure is the most critical period. If a particle will not rinse out loosely bandage the eye and immediately get medical attention.

Contact lenses on the Job: Contact lenses alone don't provide protection from on-the-job eye hazards. If you wear contact lenses, be extra cautious around gases, vapors, fumes, and dust which may get into or behind the lens. Wear eye protection equipment in addition to contact lenses.

