

Safety Flash

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EYE INJURY PREVENTION.

Safety Statistics
First Aid Free Days: 65

REMINDER

Remember to CHOOSE THE BEST PROTECTION, MAKE SURE IT FITS, KEEP IT CLEAN AND WEAR IT!

Think Safe, Work Safe and Be Safe!!

This series will conclude our discussion on eye safety, we hope you find all the subjects helpful. Thousands of eye injuries occur in the workplace every day. Besides the effects that they have on the individuals and their family, these injuries are responsible for millions of dollars of lost production and medical costs.

Why are these injuries occurring?

- According to the research, three out of five injuries happen because the worker was not wearing any eye protection at the time of the accident.
- About 40% of the injured workers were wearing some type of eye protection, but it was the wrong kind and failed to protect adequately. The leading cause in this category is the lack of side shields.
- Accident studies reveal flying or falling objects and sparks as the cause in 70% of eye injuries.
- Nearly 60% of the objects causing eye injury are smaller than a pin-head.
- Nearly 20% of all eye injuries are caused by contact with chemicals. This includes splashing or chemicals being sprayed directly into the eye.
- 40% of eye injuries occurred among craft workers.

What can we do to prevent these injuries?

First of all make sure you select the proper eye protection for the task. 94% of the eye injuries that occurred to workers wearing eye protection resulted from objects or chemicals going around or under the protector.

Second, make sure the eye protection you have selected fits properly and are clean. One of the leading reasons for workers removing or not wearing eye protection is the lens became dirty or scratched, or inadequate tint for the amount of light, and they could not see what they were doing. Nearly 20% of eye injuries happened to workers wearing face shields or welding helmets while grinding. Only 6% of the workers injured while wearing eye protection were wearing goggles. While grinding it is mandatory to wear mono goggles under face shields (**Double eye Protection**).

BE A ZERO HERO!

Every reasonable precaution should be taken to protect yourself and promote our ZERO ACCIDENTS culture.

Be Safe!

PLEASE PLAN TO HAVE A SAFE DAY!

Quote of the Day

"Working without safety is a dead-end job."

~Author Unknown.

Weather Forecast for Edmonton

	Mon. Feb. 02	Tue. Feb. 03	Wed. Feb.04	Thu. Feb. 05	Fri. Feb. 06	Sat. Feb. 07
						
High	-14°C	-13°C	-4°C	-16°C	-17°C	-10°C
Low	-16°C	-29°C	-23°C	-18°C	-19°C	-16°C
Wind	NE 5 km/h	W 10 km/h	W 15 km/h	E 20 km/h	E 25 km/h	E 20km/h