

Toolbox Talk

24. Eye Protection



What?

- There are lots of activities and processes which produce flying particles, sparks, dust, vapour, splashes and other events which can affect your eyesight or damage your eyes
- There are many types of eye/face protection which can eliminate these risks but it is important to select the correct type for the specific hazard and to ensure they fit properly in order to prevent injury



Why?

- Eyes are very vulnerable to damage and many people fail to appreciate the risk to their eyes when undertaking simple everyday tasks such as hammering, using power tools, pouring liquids, welding and burning until something enters their eye causing unnecessary pain and suffering
- You only have one pair of eyes so it is important to protect them properly by wearing the provided equipment to guard against the risk
- Eye protectors and face guards are marked to indicate the risk that they will protect against such as (G) gas, (MM) molten metal, (HI) high impact and chemicals
- Most eye protectors will fit over prescription glasses providing the necessary protection

Do



- ✓ Check that the eye protection you have is suitable for the risk
- ✓ Visually inspect it prior to use
- ✓ Wear it properly to achieve a tight fit
- ✓ Check for any gaps which may put you at risk
- ✓ Keep it in good condition
- ✓ Report any loss or damage
- ✓ Store in a safe place
- ✓ Wear suitable protection when undertaking hazardous activities such as using hammers etc
- ✓ Look out for eye protection zones and put on before entry

Don't



- ✗ Use damaged eye protection
- ✗ Forget to wear it
- ✗ Take it off while the risk is still present
- ✗ Leave it lying around
- ✗ Rely on prescription glasses for protection - they are not designed for this purpose



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