



Train. Protect. Prevent.

EYE AND FACE PROTECTION

Thousands of people are blinded each year from work-related eye injuries that could have been prevented with the proper selection and use of eye and face protection. Eye injuries alone cost more than \$300 million per year in lost production time, medical expenses, and worker compensation. OSHA requires employers to ensure the safety of all employees in the work environment.

CONTROLLING A HAZARD: Controlling a hazard at its source is the best way to protect employees. Depending on the hazard or workplace conditions, OSHA recommends the use of engineering or work practice controls to manage or eliminate hazards to the greatest extent possible. For example, building a barrier between the hazard and the employees is an engineering control; changing the way in which employees perform their work is a work practice control. When engineering, work practice and administrative controls are not feasible or do not provide sufficient protection, employers must provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to their employees and ensure its use.

HOW IS PPE SELECTED FOR THE WORKPLACE? Personal protective equipment (PPE) for the eyes and face is designed to prevent or lessen the severity of injuries to workers. The employer must assess the workplace and determine if hazards that necessitate the use of eye and face protection are present or are likely to be present before assigning PPE to workers. A hazard assessment should determine the risk of exposure to eye and face hazards, including those which may be encountered in an emergency. Employers should be aware of the possibility of multiple and simultaneous hazard exposures and be prepared to protect against the highest level of each hazard.

WHAT ARE MINE AND MY EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PPE? To ensure the greatest possible protection for employees in the workplace, the cooperative efforts of both employers and employees will help in establishing and maintaining a safe and healthful work environment. In general, employees should: (1) Properly wear PPE (2) Attend training sessions on PPE (3) Care for, clean and maintain PPE and (4) Inform a supervisor of the need to repair or replace PPE. In general, employers are responsible for: (1) Performing a "hazard assessment" of the workplace to identify and control physical and health hazards (2) Identifying and providing appropriate PPE for employees (3) Training employees in the use and care of the PPE (4) Maintaining PPE, including replacing worn or damaged PPE (5) Periodically reviewing, updating and evaluating the effectiveness of the PPE program.

WHAT TRAINING WILL I RECEIVE ON PPE? Employers are required to train each employee who must use PPE. Employees must be trained to know at least the following: (1) When PPE is necessary (2) What PPE is necessary (3) How to properly put on, take off, adjust and wear the PPE (4) The limitations of the PPE (5) Proper care, maintenance, useful life and (6) Disposal of PPE.

NOTE: PPE is the last line of defense for protecting you from a hazard.



Work Site Review: Hazards/Safety Suggestions

Company Name: _____

Work Site Location: _____

Date: _____ Start Time: _____ Finish Time: _____

Foreman/Supervisor: _____

Employee Signatures: (continue on back of sheet if necessary)

(My signature attests and verifies my understanding of and agreement to comply with, all company safety policies and regulations, and that I have not suffered, experienced, or sustained any recent job-related injury or illness)

Manager/Supervisor's Signature: _____

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