

## SAFETY MEETING TOPIC

This form shall be completed and kept on file

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Meeting Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Held \_\_\_\_\_ Place \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Subject of Meeting EYE PROTECTION/GOGGLES

Federal regulations require eye and face protection be provided when possible injury may be prevented with their use. Employers must provide suitable eye and face protection for the work that is performed. These regulations apply to workers, management, supervisors and visitors when they enter hazardous areas.

One thousand eye injuries occur daily in the American work place. These accidents cost U.S. businesses an estimated three hundred million dollars. The financial losses do not compare to the pain and suffering felt by the injured workers. Most of these injuries could have been avoided with the proper selection, use and availability of approved eye and face protection.

Eye and face protection should be reasonably comfortable. It should fit properly and not interfere with movement or vision. All protective devices should be durable, easily cleaned and disinfected and in good repair.

There are four major types of eye and face protection. They are spectacles, goggles, face shields and welding helmets. Each is designed to provide protection against a particular hazard.

They are also classified as PRIMARY or SECONDARY. A primary protector is a device which may be worn alone or with a secondary protector. Examples of primary protectors include spectacles or safety glasses and goggles.

A secondary protector is a device which must be worn with a primary protector. Examples of secondary protectors are face shields and welding helmets. Remember, secondary protectors should not be used unless you are also wearing a primary protector. In other words, always wear spectacles or goggles when using face shields or welding helmets.

### GOGGLES

Goggles are primary protective devices. They are intended to fit the area of the face surrounding the eyes. They shield the eyes from a variety of hazards. Goggles are generally classified as "eye cup" or "cover." Eye cup goggles are designed to completely cover the eye socket. Cover goggles cover the outside border of the eyes and may be worn over spectacles.

Goggles are available with rigid or flexible frames and ventilation to minimize fogging. Goggles like spectacles are available in clear, filtered or tinted materials. Some styles have removable lenses that can be easily replaced. Special coatings are applied to some lenses to reduce fogging, scratching and corrosion. Goggles are available in a wide variety of styles, sizes and materials.