Eye and Face Protection Safety Topic



This section addresses eye/face protection (PPE) when working in potentially hazardous situations.

OSHA requires that employers assess the hazards faced by their employees in order to determine the appropriate eye and face protection for the job. It is the employer’s responsibility to pay for most Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), though there are few exceptions.

Employers are responsible for requiring employees to wear proper eye or face protection when working in areas with the potential for hazards caused by flying particles, molten metal, liquid chemicals, acids or caustic liquids, chemical gases or vapors, potentially infected material, or harmful light radiation. When working with flying particles employers must require eye protection that also protects from the side (i.e. side shields).

Protection

The following should be considered when selecting appropriate eye/face protection…