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# Weekly Toolbox Talk

## Eye Protection

Construction workers have one of the highest rates of eye injury. Even seemingly minor eye irritations can cause life-long problems. A simple scratch from a sand particle can cause corneal erosion that is chronically painful.

### POTENTIAL EYE HAZARDS:

- Dust, concrete, and flying debris
- Falling or shifting debris and building materials
- Chemicals
- Welding light and electrical arc

### PREVENTING EYE INJURIES:

- Use machine guards on saws and other equipment.
- Use the proper protective eyewear—safety glasses must be worn at all times.
- Be sure eyewear fits snugly and is in good condition.

### FIRST AID FOR EYE INJURIES:

#### **Chemical Burns**

- Immediately flush the eye with water for 15-20 minutes.
- Get immediate medical attention.

#### **Specks**

- Do not rub eye.
- Use eye wash, flush thoroughly.
- Seek medical attention if the speck does not wash out, or irritation continues.

#### **Cuts, Punctures, Objects Stuck In Eye**

- Do not flush eye or attempt to remove an object stuck in the eye.
- Loosely cover both eyes with sterile dressing.
- Seek medical attention immediately.

#### **Blows**

- Apply a cold compress without using any pressure.
- Seek medical attention if there is continued pain, vision problems, or blood or discoloration in the eye.