



# PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

## EYE PROTECTION

Week 1 and Week 2 – February 2022

Your eyes are certainly one of your most important assets. Every day there is an estimated 2,000 eye injuries on the job. These injuries end up costing employers over \$300 million every year.

### Personal Protective Equipment

Selecting the proper eye protection is critical to the safety of your eyes. If the danger is flying debris, you should use impact resistant glasses with the ANSI Z87.1 rating. If the danger is chemical splash, full goggles or a splash shield should be worn that are also ANSI approved.



### Ways to Prevent Eye Injuries:

- Identify hazards in your workplace. Ensure safeguards are in place and adequate for the hazards presented.
- Always wear approved safety glasses. The type of glasses required will depend on the hazards presented. Reminder: normal sunglasses are typically not rated as safety glasses.
- Stay upwind of flying and moving debris. Dust is one of the leading causes of eye injuries, by staying upwind you can reduce your chances of injury.
- If you do get something in your eye, resist the urge to rub it. This can cause further damage. Utilize an eye wash station and flush your eyes.



You only have one set of eyes, protect them with the proper personal protective equipment.