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EYE AND FACE PROTECTION

The most common accidents involving eye injuries on the job result from the worker not wearing eye protection or wearing the wrong kind of eye protection. BLS reports that nearly three out of every five workers injured were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident. The 40% who were wearing some form of eye protection were most likely to be wearing protective eyeglasses with no side shields enabling the object to go under or around the protector.

Eye injuries are most often the result of flying particles. BLS found that almost 70% of the accidents studied resulted from flying or falling objects or sparks striking the eye. Injured workers estimated that nearly three-fifths of the objects were smaller than a pinhead. Most of the particles were said to be traveling faster than a hand-thrown object when the accident occurred. Other accidents were caused by objects swinging from a fixed or attached position, like tree limbs, ropes, chains, hammers or other tools being pulled into the eye.

Eye injuries most often occur in craft work involving industrial equipment operation. Potential eye hazards can be found in nearly every industry, but BLS reported that more than 40% of injuries occurred among craft workers like mechanics, repairers, carpenters, framers and plumbers. It was also reported that most workers injured while not wearing protective eyewear most often said they believed it was not required by the situation. Even though, as required by OSHA, the vast majority of employers furnished eye protection at no cost to employees, about 40% of the workers received no information on where and what kind of eyewear should be used.

The great majority of injuries to workers wearing eye protection result from objects or chemicals going around or under the protector. While eye injuries can still occur when wearing appropriate protection, goggles with full-cup or flat-fold side shields will certainly lessen your chances of sustaining a severe eye injury on the job.

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