



PPE – Eye Protection Checklist

Overview

Construction work can be dangerous to your employee's vision. Eye injuries are very common, especially for trade workers like plumbers, electricians and pipefitters. Why these workers? Because they do a lot of work overhead, looking up. All sorts of things fall into their eyes, unless they're wearing eye protection.

All construction workers need to be careful about eye injuries; they can occur anytime, anywhere on the job.

You are more apt to get an eye injury if your work requires you to:

- Work overhead
- Weld or solder
- Do wiring
- Drill holes
- Cut pipes
- Remove pipes
- Grind
- Work on live circuits
- Work with pressurized gases
- Operate power tools

Eye protection

Always require employees to wear safety glasses (with side shields). When performing the tasks listed above it's best to wear goggles or face shields.

Remember, when wearing a face shield workers still need to wear safety glasses underneath.

Determine your eye protection needs

Your employees can use this checklist to make sure they're ready for the workday:

- ✓ Do you have your safety glasses?
- ✓ Are there any tasks that you'll need goggles or face shields for?
- ✓ Are you going to be doing any welding? (Do you have your welding helmet?)
- ✓ Do you know where the emergency eyewash station is?
- ✓ Do you know the number to call to get medical attention?



- ✓ Do you know where the first aid kit is located?

Employee Training

Train employees on:

1. The types of eye protection available.
2. The types of eye protection needed for different types of tasks.
3. How to care for and maintain eye protection.
4. Where they can obtain eye protection onsite.

OSHA state-plan-states: Certain states have more stringent regulations than Federal OSHA. If you operate in a state-plan-state, check with your local OSHA office to determine if there are regulations that go above and beyond Federal OSHA.

Training Tips

Cover the locations and operation of eyewash stations. Demonstrate their use if possible. Show types of eye protection required and available for use at your company. Discuss and demonstrate company procedures for maintaining, inspecting, and replacing eye protection.



Sample Safety Meeting Agenda

1. Accidents, injuries, near-misses, discuss:

- Incidents that have occurred in your company since the last meeting.
- Any follow-up that has been done as a result of investigations into incidents.
- Incidents that have happened in other companies.
- Updates to the company's Accident Prevention Plan from "lessons learned."

2. Results of safety inspections.

- Discuss the results of recent safety inspections.
- Follow up on assignments for eliminating or controlling identified hazards.
- Encourage employees to identify any unsafe conditions or tasks.
- Discuss ways to eliminate or control the hazards.
- When appropriate, assign responsibilities for eliminating or controlling identified hazards.

3. Training.

- Discuss any new safe work procedures or other policies and procedures that need to be implemented.
- Safety Topic of the Month: a presentation and discussion on the chosen topic.

4. Open forum.

- Any one who has a concern about safety and health should bring it up for discussion.

5. Next meeting.

- Set the time, date, and place for the next meeting.
- Select a Safety Topic and designate the presenter/discussion leader.



Employee Sign-in Sheet

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