

Let's Focus on Eye Safety!

Over 1 million people suffer eye injuries each year in the United States. Your eyes are two of the most important organs in your body. You need them for work, for play, for reading, for watching your favorite sports team, and for driving. You use them in almost everything you do! It is **extremely** important to protect them.

OSHA requires that safety glasses meet the requirements of the ANSI standard Z87.1-1989: Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection. This standard addresses impact testing, penetration resistance, flammability, vision requirements, and corrosion tests. Be sure your safety glasses have "ANSI Z87.1" stamped on the frames.

What can you do to protect your eyes?

- Pay attention to your surroundings and be aware of hazards.
- Select the right eye protection: Safety glasses, Face Shields, Welding Masks, Cutting Goggles, ETC.
- Clear or indoor/outdoor combination glasses to be used in areas with low light.
- Prescription glasses? Your optometrist can fit you for safety glasses, or you can wear goggles or a face shield over your regular glasses.
- Wear your safety glasses or goggles whenever the potential for any eye injury exists, it only takes a split second to lose your eyesight.

Do This!

- Eye protection must be ANSI Z87.1 rated.
- Use the correct eye protection for the task. I.E. welding requires a welding hood.
- Use clear or indoor / outdoor combination tint glasses for low light areas.
- Wear your safety glasses or goggles whenever the potential for any eye injury exists

Don't do this!

- **Wear sun glasses in lieu of safety glasses.**
- **Grind or Weld without proper face protection.**
- **Wear outdoor tinted glasses in an indoor dimly lit environment.**
- **Use prescription glasses that are missing side safety shields.**
- **Remove glasses due to discomfort or cleaning in active work areas.**



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Date _____

Name (Print)

Signature