

COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Eye and Face Protection

Overview

Eye injuries cost employers an estimated \$300 million per year in lost production time, medical expenses and worker compensation. Thousands of people are injured and blinded each year as a result of work-related eye injuries. Unfortunately, many of them could have been prevented with the proper selection and use of eye and face protection.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) require employers to ensure the safety of all employees and that eye and face protection is provided whenever necessary to protect against chemical, environmental, radiological or mechanical irritants and hazards.

Regulations

General Industry ([29 CFR 1910](#))

[1910 Subpart I](#), Personal protective equipment

[1910.132](#), General requirements [[related topic page](#)]

[1910.133](#), Eye and face protection

[Appendix B](#), Non-mandatory compliance guidelines for hazard assessment and personal protective equipment selection

[1910 Subpart Q](#), Welding, cutting, and brazing

[1910.252](#), General requirements [[related topic page](#)]

[1910.252\(b\)\(2\)](#), Eye protection General Industry ([29 CFR 1910](#))

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[1910.252](#), General requirements [[related topic page](#)]

[1910.252\(b\)\(2\)](#), Eye protection

Construction Industry ([29 CFR 1926](#))

[1926 Part E](#), Personal protective and life saving equipment

[1926.95](#), Criteria for personal protective equipment [[related topic page](#)]

[1926.102](#), Eye and face protection



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Action Plan

1. Review and understand OSHA regulations pertaining eye and face protection.
2. Ensure employees have proper training on eye and face hazards and the appropriate PPE.
3. Develop written programs and guidelines for eye and face hazards.
4. Have all employees trained on proper use and maintenance of PPE.
5. Use supplemental training resources to further educate employees on eye and face protection.
6. Ensure that employees understand and follow all relevant safety protocols and procedures
7. Conduct a hazard assessment to determine what type of personal protective equipment (PPE) is necessary for the job. Be sure to document the assessment.
8. Consider having eye wash stations available for employees when there are increased risk of encountering eye and face hazards.

Additional Resources

NIOSH Workplace Safety and Health Guidance: Eye Safety

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/eye/>

NIOSH Workplace Safety and Health Guidance: UV Radiation

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/uvradiation/>

CDC Eye Safety Checklist

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/eye/eyechecklist.html>

CDC Eye Safety Tool Box Talk Instructor Guide -

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/eye/toolbox-eye.html>

OSHA Safety and Health Topics: Eye and Face Protection

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/eyefaceprotection/>

OSHA eTool: Eye and Face Protection

<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/eyeandface/employer/requirements.html>