



The Importance of Safety Glasses.

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Wearing eye protection/ safety glasses is a vital component of PPE, studies show that three out of every five injured workers were not wearing correct and proper fitting safety glasses at the time of the accident or they were wearing the wrong kind of safety glasses for the job. Consider how much eye injuries are costing your company not only in lost production time but also the mounting medical expenses and worker compensation.

With such a variety of options available, there really is no excuse for not having the right eye protection for the job. Safety glasses; goggles; hybrid eye safety products, which combine the comfort of glasses with the side protection of goggles; face shields; full-face respirators; and welding helmets – and then there are some that go the extra mile to ensure workers can also be seen in the dark.

RUSH+ spectacles are now equipped with phosphorescent temples to be seen in the dark: a remarkable safety argument! These innovative spectacles are designed with Ultra-flex and phosphorescent temples, Upper protection, Non-slip adjustable bridge, PLATINUM® coating and it only takes 5 minutes under a light source to achieve the phosphorescent temples in the darkness.

The majority of workplace eye injuries are caused by small particles or objects (such as slivers of metal, wood chips, sparks or dust) striking the eye or even the face if rubbed by the worker into the eye area.

Injuries also can occur when larger objects like nails, staples or metal strike and penetrate the eyeball, which can result in a permanent loss of vision. Blunt force traumas caused by objects striking the eyes or face and chemical burns from splashes of industrial chemicals or cleaning products are also a threat to workers sight. Welders and any nearby workers are at risk for thermal burns and UV radiation burns from welder's flash.

Wearing the correct eye protection is not just an employer's recommendation it's a legal requirement and whilst your employer is legally obliged to assess the risk and ensure that the correct protection is available on site (and the right training given to support this) it is down to the individual to ensure they follow procedure and wear the correct eye protection to ensure their safety and that of their coworkers.

For more information on Safety Eyewear please contact our sales team on sales@bunzl.ie or phone 353 1 6301800.

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