

AGC Tool Box Safety Talk

EYE PROTECTION AND SAFETY GLASSES

INTRODUCTION

1. Review any accidents or “near accidents” from the past week.
2. Describe the hazards of the work as they relate to your project. Explain or show the SAFE way of doing the job.
3. Give the TOOL BOX SAFETY TALK

Eye injuries in the workplace are very common. More than 2,000 people injure their eyes at work each day. Of the total amount of work-related injuries, 10-20 % will cause temporary or permanent vision loss. Experts believe that the correct eye protection could have lessened the severity or even prevented 90% of eye injuries in accidents. When there is risk of eye injury, wear appropriate eye protection.

- Use the appropriate eye protection for the job.
- Each type of protective eyewear is designed to protect against specific hazards.
- Wear safety glasses with side shields to provide protection from the sides for tasks such as sanding, buffing, and drill- press work.
- Wear safety goggles instead of safety glasses or wear a face shield over safety glasses when hazards come from above and below as well as the side, as in lathe work or other high speed cutting and shaping operations.
- If you wear prescription corrective lenses, keep in mind that these will not provide adequate protection against most occupational eye and face hazards. Either wear eye protection that is prescription safety glasses or wear additional eye protection over your prescription lenses.
- If you wear contact lenses, wear eye or face PPE when working in hazardous conditions.

