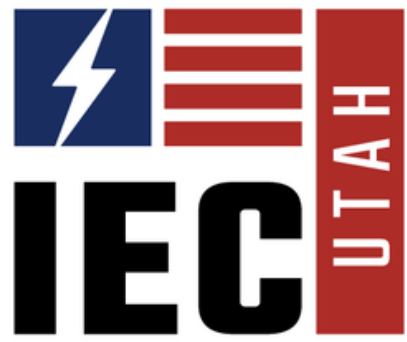
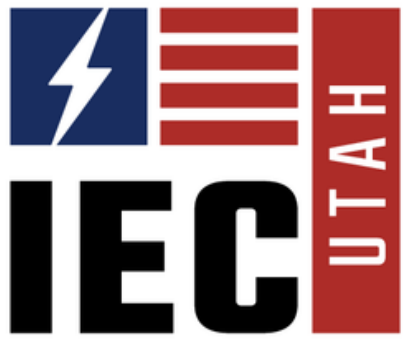




PROTECTING YOUR EYES
WEEKLY SAFETY MEETING
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY



Company Name _____

Job Name _____

Date _____

More than one million people suffer eye injuries each year in the United States. Your eyes are among the most important organs in your body. You rely on them for work, recreation, reading, watching your favorite sports team, driving, and countless everyday activities. Because you use your eyes in almost everything you do, protecting them should always be a priority.

In the workplace, eye hazards can appear without warning. Dust particles, welding sparks, sawdust from circular saws, metal slivers and shavings from grinders, wood chips from chain saws, and splashed concrete can all cause serious eye injuries. Even objects that are not moving, such as protruding rebar, pencil rods, or tie wires at eye level, can result in painful eye and facial injuries.

So what can you do to protect your eyes? First, stay aware of your surroundings and identify potential hazards before starting a task. Second, choose the appropriate eye protection for the job. Options include safety glasses, goggles, face shields, and welding helmets. If you wear prescription glasses, your eye care professional can fit you with prescription safety eyewear, or you can wear approved goggles or a face shield over your regular glasses. If you are unsure which type of protection is required, ask your supervisor. Most importantly, match your eye protection to the specific hazard—do not assume that one type of eyewear will protect against every risk.

OSHA requires workplace eye protection to meet the standards established by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under standard Z87.1 for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection. These standards address impact resistance, penetration protection, flammability, vision requirements, and corrosion resistance. Always verify that your eye protection is ANSI-approved and appropriate for the hazards you may encounter.

The need for eye protection does not end when the workday is over. Nearly half of all eye injuries occur at home, and most of them are preventable. Household chemicals, aerosol sprays, garden equipment, power tools, fireworks, batteries, and pellet guns can all pose serious risks. Help protect your family by discussing these hazards and encouraging safe practices around the home.

Protect your eyes from disease and vision loss as well. Schedule a professional eye exam at least every two years, or more often if recommended by your eye care provider. Remember to stay alert to hazards wherever you are, wear the proper eye protection whenever necessary, and make eye safety a daily habit. Take care of your eyes—they are irreplaceable.

Special Topics For Your Project

Reviewed MSDS # _____

Subject _____

Meeting Attended By

Supervisor's Signature _____

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