



# EYE SAFETY



Each day, about 2,000 U.S. workers have a job-related eye injury that requires medical treatment. Eye injuries are common in all industries, but workers in construction have the highest rates of eye injuries on the job.

## Common Causes

- Scrap materials, waste, and windblown dust
- Flying material particles or slivers from metal, wood, plastic, and cement
- Chemicals or chemical products
- Falling or misdirected objects
- UV light from welding torches

## Useful Tips to Prevent Eye Injuries

Proper selection and use of eye and face protection will help prevent eye injuries. Other precautions that employers and employees can take to reduce the risk of eye injury include the following:

- Ensure that the appropriate eye protection is available at the worksite.
- Keep bystanders out of work areas and/or behind protective barriers.
- Use your tools properly and keep them in good working order.
- Use caution flags to identify potential hazards, such as hanging or protruding objects.

