



# **15 Minute Safety Presentation**

## **Eye Protection**

## 15 MINUTE SAFETY PRESENTATION – EYE PROTECTION

### INTRODUCTION

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To reduce the chance damaging your sight, or in a worse case scenario, going blind, you must protect your eyes.

While working, your eyes are always going to be directed at the task you're undertaking, they are vulnerable and easily damaged. Eye protection is worn for a reason – to prevent eye injury or even blindness.

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

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At the end of this presentation you will know;

- The need and benefits of wearing appropriate eye protection;
- the different types of protection available in the workplace;
- selecting the right type of protection for the task at hand;
- the wearing of eye protection correctly;
- maintenance of your eye protection;
- the excuses why people don't wear eye protection; and
- situations when eye protection is to be worn.

### WHY DO WE NEED EYE PROTECTION?

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Eye protection helps prevent injury to your eyes.

As your eyes are one of the most important parts of the body, they must be protected from things such as corrosives, solids, liquids, fumes and foreign particulates in a work environment.

There are many things in your workplace that can result in an eye injury to you or someone else.

### WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH EYE DAMAGE?

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There are a multitude of reasons why eye protection may need to be worn; you need to protect your eyes from situations that involve being exposed to;

- Metal fragments, wood and glass, rubbish from grinding, drilling etc;
- the risk of splashes when handling harmful liquids;
- burns and irritation from gases and fumes;
- welding flashes are a severe cause of eye damage if protection isn't worn;
- dust and other air-borne contaminants within the workplace and surrounds;
- the impact of flying debris as part of other work process.

## **WHY YOU SHOULD ALWAYS WEAR EYE PROTECTION**

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The reasons may sound obvious but it needs to be clarified just the same;

- You prevent the possibility of losing or impairing your eyesight and can live life to the full;
- you continue to earn an income and be able to provide for yourself and/or your family; and
- you develop, maintain and set an example in the workplace in relation to wearing personal protective equipment.