



Eye and Face Protection

Many serious eye and face injuries occur in the workplace due to a lack of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). To avoid occupational hazards that could injure you, it is crucial to know which types of protective equipment you need to wear for each job. Read further to learn how you can best protect your eyes and face in the workplace.

Types of Eye and Face PPE and When to Use Them

- Safety glasses must be used when there is risk of being struck by projectile objects.
- Vented goggles can be used instead of safety glasses with side shields.
- Chemical splash goggles are intended for protection against chemical splashes or sprays.
- Face shields must be used to protect skin. These are worn along with eye protection.
- Shaded Eye/Face Protection is intended for protection against Radiological irritants from arc and gas welding, soldering and brazing, laser, ultraviolet, and infrared.
- Eye protection plus face mask, or chin length face shield must be worn when exposed to a large bloodborne pathogen event.

Resources

[OSHA: Eye and Face Protection](#)

[Selecting PPE for the Workplace](#)

[NSC: Protecting Your Eyes from Injury](#)

[CDC: Eye Safety](#)



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