

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

WORKPLACE EYE SAFETY



Eyes are Priceless, Eye Protection is Cheap

Be Safe and Prevent Eye Injury

The Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology states that more than one million people suffer eye injuries each year in the United States. Appropriate protective eyewear could prevent ninety percent of these injuries.

Common causes of eye injuries are:

- Flying objects (bits of metal, glass)
- Tools
- Particles
- Chemicals
- Harmful radiation
- Poor choice of eye wear
- Improper fit of eye wear
- Lack of awareness

Types of Safety Eyewear Protection



Non-prescription and Prescription safety glasses

Goggles



Face shields

Welding helmets



Full-face respirators

Always choose protective eyewear that meets the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1 Eye and Face Protection Standard.

Ten Ways To Prevent Eye Injuries At Work

1. **Assess!** Inspect all work areas, exit routes, and equipment before work begins.
2. **Test!** Make sure you get eye exams on regular basis.
3. **Protect!** Wear protective eyewear that is designed for the specific job being performed.
4. **Participate!** Be part of an eye protection program.
5. **Fit!** Have eyewear fitted by an eye care professional or someone trained to do this.
6. **Plan for an emergency!** Be trained in first-aid procedures for eye injuries. Make sure there is an eye wash station close by.
7. **Educate!** Conduct ongoing education programs for eye protection.
8. **Support!** Management should show support by wearing protective eyewear whenever and wherever needed.
9. **Review!** Accident prevention policies and update as needed.
10. **Put it in Writing!** Put safety programs in writing and display the policy in employee gathering places.

**Play It Safe
With Your Eyes!**



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