



# SAFETY BRIEF

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CHEMICALS AND EYES

A large percentage of eye injuries are caused by contact with hazardous chemicals and can be prevented by wearing the correct personal protective equipment (PPE).

### EYE PPE FOR WORK WITH CHEMICALS

- **Safety Goggles**—Goggles are primary protection that form a seal around the eyes. This is especially important when working with or around liquids that may splash, spray or mist.
- **Face Shield**—Face shields are secondary protection and should be worn with goggles. They protect the entire face from heat and chemical hazards. When using a shield, make sure it's centered on your head with the suspension just above the eyebrows. It should be wide enough and long enough to completely cover your face.

### EYEWASH STATION

When working with or around chemicals, it's vital that you know the location of your emergency eyewash stations. Here's what you should do if chemicals get in your eyes:

- Immediately flush the eye with water for 15 minutes
- Wash your hands with soap and water
- Remove contact lenses, if necessary
- Seek immediate medical attention
- Avoid bandaging the eye or neutralizing the chemical with other substances
- Avoiding rubbing the eye as it may cause further damage



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