

# SAFETY ALERT

**Title:** Eye & Face Protection  
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## Description:

Thousands of people are blinded each year from work-related eye injuries that could have been prevented with the proper selection and use of eye and face protection. OSHA requires employers to ensure the safety of all employees in the work environment. Eye and face protection must be provided whenever necessary to protect against chemical, environmental, radiological or mechanical irritants and hazards. Eye and face protection must comply with the American National Standards Institute, **ANSI Z87.1**

**Workers experience eye injuries on the job for two major reasons:**

1. **They were not wearing eye protection.**
2. **They were wearing the wrong kind of protection for the job.**

EHSRM requires workers to use eye and face such as goggles, face shields, safety glasses or full face respirators when a hazard exists.

