



Loss Control Safety Techniques



Eye Safety

For some workers, proper eye safety is not among their primary concerns. But without warning, an accident can cause a serious eye injury or blindness. Most workers who have suffered an eye injury wore no eye protection or the wrong kind of protection at the time of their accident.

If you take proper precautions and wear recommended eye protection, you can prevent or reduce the severity of an accidental eye injury.

Prevention is the best way to avoid an eye injury. Read the safety instructions for any equipment or product you'll be handling. Follow the precautions and wear the recommended eye protection. Warning signs should be placed near machines, equipment or process areas that require specific eye protection. Anyone working in, or passing through, areas that pose eye hazards should wear eye protection.

There are several common causes for eye injuries, including:

- **Foreign particles** such as dust, dirt, and metal or wood chips can get into your eye and cause damage; even something as small as an eyelash can cause a painful irritation.
- **Bumps and blows** to the eyes can cause minor to severe injury.
- **Cuts in or around the eyes** could be very serious and jeopardize vision.
- **Chemicals, fumes or hot steam** can cause great damage to the eye.
- **Light burns or sparks** can cause injury that may not be felt until hours later.

It is a good practice to wash your hands often and keep them away from your eyes. Know the proper first aid response for an eye injury so you don't cause further damage when treating such an injury. Know where emergency phone numbers are located. Protective eyewear is only effective when it is cared for and correctly worn. If you use protective eyewear, clean and properly store it. Scratched, broken, bent or ill-fitting eyewear should be replaced.

Eye safety is no accident. Be safe. Take note of the topics and recommendations discussed in this bulletin. We encourage you to put them into practice – doing so helps ensure your safety. It is the philosophy of Frankenmuth Insurance and your Independent Insurance Agent to provide services that give policyholders peace of mind. At Frankenmuth Insurance, we truly are *with you all the way*.