



# Fact Sheet *Eye Protection*

## 15 Reasons to Wear Eye Protection

1. An employee lost an eye while trimming trees when a gust of wind blew a branch into his eye.
2. While an employee was adding monoethanolamine (MEA) to an add-mixture for concrete, the handle on the bucket broke and MEA splashed into the employee's eyes.
3. An employee received a staple in the eye while attempting to fix a jammed staple gun.
4. A grinding wheel shattered during use and the employee lost his eye because he had neglected to wear eye protection under his face shield.
5. While removing an axle joint from an axle shaft at a car repair shop, an employee's eye was punctured by a piece of steel.
6. An employee at a furniture plant received a nail in the eye while using an air gun and a pin nailer.
7. A hose blew off and struck an employee's eye while the employee was setting up electrical and pneumatic controls in a building.
8. While cleaning ink from the rollers on a printing press, an employee was transferring cleaning agent from a gallon-sized to a quart-sized container. The cleaner splashed and the employee received a burn to the cornea.
9. An employee was polishing a piece of metal when it slipped out of his hands and struck him in the eye.
10. A filled soda bottle at a bottling plant exploded leaving shards of glass in an employee's eye.
11. A transfer hose broke while an employee was transferring propionic acid between containers. The employee received burns on his face neck and chest. Because he was wearing eye protection, his eyes were not injured.
12. While trying to change a part on a machine, an employee hit a steel tool holder with a steel hammer and a steel chip from the holder flew up and lodged in the employee's eye.
13. An employee was delivering ammonia etchant to a tank. When the hose was disconnected, the pressure in the tank had not been relieved and the ammonia etchant splashed in the employee's eyes.
14. While an employee was attaching bailing wire to some loose pipes, the wire he cut sprung back and hit his eye.
15. While using a punch and hammer to remove a bearing from an edger housing, a piece broke off and flew into his eye.