

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: On-Highway

ALERT STATUS: Normal

ACTIVITY: Occupational Health

DATE ISSUED: 08/05/08

SUB ACTIVITY: Air and dust

INCIDENT No: 00158

TITLE

Lost Time Eye Injury

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

An asphalt technician drove onto Bulls Lodge Coating Plant™s weighbridge parking area and proceeded to sit at the rear of his van and started putting on his PPE. It was a very wet, but also windy day during the recent storms. As he placed his boots onto his feet, a sudden strong gust of wind blew material into his eye. It is suspected that it came from his boots or the van, although as the photo shows, the van was not particularly untidy or dirty.

He proceeded to rub his eye! This caused the material to scratch his cornea and caused further discomfort. As a result, even after flushing his eye, A&E treatment was required and this is now a lost time injury!

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



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The photo™s show the van after the incident and the resultant dressing placed onto his eye after A&E treatment. NEVER rub your eyes when material has entered as this will increase the chance of injury! Always wash / flush the eye using liquid from the eye wash station!

This is the 6th eye incident in the SE THIS YEAR! 3 have required A&E treatment and 2 have resulted in lost time (1 was a haulier employed by a Franchisee).

The haulier was leaning from his cab to watch asphalt being loaded into the vehicle body and material blew into his eye whilst under the bins! His safety glasses were in his cab!

There had been other similar incidents Æ but never reported as near misses by drivers

LOOK AFTER YOUR EYES Æ WEAR SAFETY GLASSES WHENEVER THERE™S A CHANCE OF EYE INJURY!

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