

Eye Protection

WHAT HAPPENED

Two recent incidents occurred when employees got foreign objects in their eyes due to the work they were carrying out. One was clearing a chute and the other using a hand grinder.

Although, the company's mandatory light eye protection was worn on both occasions, it was not adequate for the tasks being carried out.

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

There are numerous types of eye protection including:

- Visors, Clear and tinted
- Goggles
- Close fitting light eye protection
- Impact resistant
- Chemical resistant
- Combined eye and respiratory protection

and to select the correct type it is necessary to ensure

- your task or area is properly assessed
- you identify the correct eye protection is selected for the hazard.

Has an assessment been made to identify if some areas of a site require specific mandatory eye protection to be worn i.e. Goggles?

(PPE is a last resort, and should be used in conjunction with other control measures).

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SUB ACTIVITY:	N/A

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