



Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members

Eye Injuries and Prevention Safety Message

Our eyes are one of our greatest assets. They give us the ability to see the world around us. If we do not protect our eyes from injuries while at work we could easily lose that ability. There are an estimated 2,000 eye injuries every single day on the job according to the CDC. These incidents cost employers over \$300 million dollars per year. It is important to eliminate or engineer out the hazards that could pose hazards to our eyes at work. Many hazards to our eyes on a worksite cannot be fully eliminated so proper eye protection is also critical.

Common Hazards that Cause Eye Injuries on the Job

- Flying dust
- Flying debris
- Chemicals
- Blunt trauma to the eye
- Arc flash

Discussion points:

- What are some hazards we have onsite that can injure our eyes?
- How can protect ourselves from those hazards?
- What job tasks require us to wear a face shield onsite? What about goggles?