



## Safety Message of the Day for IMEA Members



### **Safety Glasses General Safety Message**

Vision loss and severe eye injuries occur all too often in today's workplaces. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each day, about 2,000 U.S. workers sustain a job-related eye injury that requires medical treatment. Due to the severity and frequency of these injuries, there is no room for shortcuts or excuses when it comes to protecting your eyes on the job.

There are many ways to protect yourself from an eye injury, but safety glasses are the most common, and, arguably, the simplest safeguard for protecting your eyes from injury.

There are countless excuses as to why someone may not wear their safety glasses. Comments such as "they are uncomfortable" or "I am only doing this small task that will take just a minute" are dangerous statements. Take the time to wear all required eye and face protection. If you are unsure if your safety glasses meet the requirements, bring them to your supervisor to inspect them.

### **Discussion points:**

Where is the Z87.1 marking on the safety glasses you wear at work?

What are some work tasks here that require the use of safety glasses?

What are some work tasks here that require more protection, such as goggles or a face shield?