

Toolbox Topic: 004  
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## Toolbox Topic – Eye Protection

### Overview

It can only take a moment for you to lose your sight. Because of workplace hazards, EH&S requires that employers supply appropriate eye protection. However, the employee must take responsibility and use the personal protective equipment (PPE) that is provided. However, eye injuries can be prevented if you use proper eye protection and maintain that eye protection. What must my employer do? Your employer must ensure that:

- All workers required to wear eye protection understand how to use it so that it offers the most protection.
- Workers must demonstrate understanding of the training and the ability to use it properly before being allowed to perform work requiring its use.

What must I do? As an employee who is required to wear eye protection, you must:

- Understand how to use the required PPE.
- Know how to properly clean and maintain the PPE.
- Know the locations of and how to use the eyewash stations.

What must eye protection do? At a minimum, eye protection must:

- Adequately protect against the particular hazards for which they are designed.
- Be reasonably comfortable when worn under the designated conditions.
- Fit snugly without interfering with the movements or vision of the wearer.
- Be durable.
- Be capable of being disinfected.
- Be easily cleanable.
- Be kept clean and in good repair.
- Meet ANZ standards