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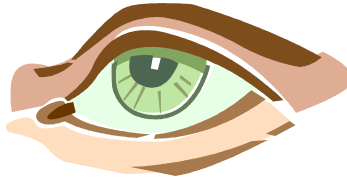
SAFETY ALERT

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EYES – YOU ONLY HAVE 2 OF THEM



PROTECT THEM

Recently, there have been several incidents where employees have had foreign objects enter their eyes.

These incidents have mainly occurred when there has been cutting, grinding, burning, welding undertaken or when activities have involved “metal on metal” – that is a metal/steel object striking a metal/steel object.

Safety glasses were worn; however, they did not fully protect/cover the eyes

One incident has resulted in an employee requiring an operation and time off work, luckily for the employee there is no permanent damage to his eye.

Whenever tasks that involves cutting, grinding, burning, and welding and “metal on metal activities, the following is to apply:-

- Safety glasses to be worn – these safety glasses to fully enclose/cover the eyes
- Where practical, a full face shield can also be worn – this will provide further protection to the face
- Depending on lighting conditions, shaded safety glasses may have to be replaced with clear safety glasses in order to allow proper vision

ACTION:

- Ensure all Employees under your control, are advised of the above incidents and the requirements when cutting, grinding, burning, welding and any activity that has the potential for “metal on metal”
- Place the Safety Alert on display and make copies available
- Ensure a “sign-off” (for example, a Team Safety Meeting record) is obtained to verify that employees have been briefed on this Safety Alert.