Protect Employees' Eyes

Golf course workers' eyes are exposed to a large number of potentially damaging materials; chemical dust or vapor, wood or metal chips, small airborne stones and splashes of acids, alkalis and corrosives. No employee should be allowed to jeopardize his eyesight by indulging in unsafe practices at work.

Proper supervision is the first step to eye protection. By establishing and enforcing safe operating rules, you significantly reduce the chances of injury.

The right equipment may also assist in efforts to make work areas safer, including shields, screens and hoods. Remember that other workers in the same area and passers-by should be protected also. Provide personal protection to employees with goggles or masks. Here are some suggestions from INSIDE OSHA, a supplement to OSHA REPORT, for solving eye protection problems:

1. Whenever possible, let the workers who will wear the protective devices select the type they like and will agree to wear.

2. Lens fogging can be prevented by rubbing both sides of the lens with soap that has a high level of glycerine. Rub the soap off with a dry cloth. "Antifog" goggles are commercially available.

3. Be sure that all areas where potentially dangerous procedures are performed (welders, grinders, spray booths, chemical mixing and tank filling areas) are well lit and well ventilated.

4. Have proper first aid equipment available and be certain that all employees know how to use it. This should include sterile water in squeeze bottles for immediate flushing of chemicals from the eyes.

5. Be sure that all employees, including you, understand and obey safety rules. You cannot expect employees to obey the rules if you don't.

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