



TALK LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This is background information ONLY. Be sure to customize your talk to your operation and facilities.

- ✓ Print copies of this sheet for yourself and each of the participants.
- ✓ Lead a discussion with your workers about the materials on this sheet at a location that is appropriate to the topic. Be sure to give real life examples whenever possible.
- ✓ Be open to questions.
- ✓ Conclude with a brief review of the main points or a summary based on the discussion.
- ✓ Fill in your operation name, location and the date on your sheet. Have each worker sign your sheet to confirm their attendance.
- ✓ File your sheet in your worker training records to document the training experience.

WORK ACTIVITY

Many farming activities carry the risk of eye damage. Moving grain, fixing equipment, operating grinders and chemical handling are all examples of activities that can result in an eye injury if proper precautions aren't observed. It's our job to provide eye protection to you and it's your job to wear it.

BACKGROUND

Eye injuries can translate into pain, loss of time, money and even loss of your eyesight. Even a slight loss or impairment of your vision is a tremendous price to pay for a moment of carelessness. Review the first aid treatment for eye injuries, you learned through your first aid course. Use that information and seek medical attention if there is an eye injury.

Key Points

WE HAVE INTEGRATED SAFETY STANDARD OPERATING PRACTICES FOR EACH TASK ON OUR FARM INCLUDING THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING EYE PROTECTION.

If you don't remember them, review them—you can find them:

On our farm we provide eye protection, it is your job to wear the eye protection provided as a condition of employment. Get comfortable using the eye protection provided. If it is uncomfortable, doesn't fit or is worn, let a supervisor know so it can be replaced.

Eyes are very delicate. They need to be protected against impact, chemicals, dust, chaff and other farm workplace hazards. **NEVER TAKE YOUR EYESIGHT FOR GRANTED.**

CAUSES OF EYE INJURIES

- Spray cans are an increasing source of chemical eye injury, compounded by the force of contact. Whether containing caustics or irritants, spray cans must be carefully used.
- Particles of rocks, soil, crop material or other foreign objects thrown from farm equipment that chops or grinds can cause unexpected eye injury to the operator or bystander.
- Welding, grinding, sawing and other power tools are sources of eye injuries. Even simple hand tools can cause severe eye injuries.

EYE PROTECTION

- Eye protection should be reasonably comfortable and fit snugly without interfering with movement or vision. If you are having problems with your eye protection, please tell a supervisor.
- It is your responsibility to take care of the eye protection provided. It should be kept clean and in good repair.

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / CONTACTS

In case of incident or injury, call 911 or your local emergency services, then me or your supervisor.

MORE RESOURCES

Sunglasses, by Health Canada, available at <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/prod/glasses-lunettes-eng.php>

Safety Glasses and Face Protectors, available at <http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/prevention/ppe/glasses.html>

- Make sure you are wearing the appropriate eye protection for the job:
 - To shield eyes from flying objects, wear approved safety-rated safety glasses or sunglasses. If you wear prescription eyewear, this isn't enough protection, you need to wear flexible or cushion-fitting ventilated safety goggles that fit over ordinary eyeglasses.
 - Wear splash goggles when handling and applying agricultural chemicals.
 - Welding goggles have to be worn to protect your eyes from intense light and sparks.

Please protect your eyes from the sun. We do not provide sunglasses, but please consider wearing general purpose sunglasses that block 95 to 99 per cent

of UVB rays. Choose sunglasses with scratch-resistant coating and that are comfortable to wear.

REMEMBER! Sunglasses are not safety goggles!

BASIC FIRST AID IN CASE OF EYE INJURY:

Proper first aid for eye injuries is critical. The method of first aid needed depends on the type of injury sustained. Let natural tears wash out specks or particles in the eye. Try not to rub the eyes if possible.

Be sure to seek medical attention in the case of an eye injury.

COMMENTS / SUGGESTIONS

Operation Name _____

Location _____

Meeting Leader _____

Date _____

TOOLBOX TALK PARTICIPANTS

Print name _____

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This Producer Tool was developed by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA). Conducting regular Toolbox Talks, or safety meetings, with farm workers is one component of establishing a comprehensive farm safety plan as outlined in the Canada FarmSafe Plan, CASA's business-risk management tool for health and safety on the farm. To download the core Canada FarmSafe Plan, visit casa-acsa.ca/CanadaFarmSafePlan, or contact CASA to learn more at 1-877-452-2272.

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