

Toolbox Talk - 48 Eye Protection & Wearing of Jewellery

It's a worrying fact that thousands of eye accidents occur at work in the UK each year. Most of the accidents are minor but some, around 10–20%, result in partial or full blindness. Some of the common causes of eye problems at work are chemical spillage; harmful particles in the air; accidents with tools; radiation; and flying glass, metal and wood.

Protective eyewear includes:

- Safety Goggles
- Face shields
- Welding helmets/welding goggles

Googles must be used:

- When using any abrasive wheel
- When removing glass
- When drilling
- When handling, spraying or brushing any substance which, if splashed into the eyes may cause injury
- When striking metal components with an impact tool
- When using any jet wash machine
- During any work process which may result in flying swarf, dust or dirt
- When working on the underside of vehicles and there is the possibility of debris falling into your eyes
- When you are instructed to wear eye protection

Face shield must be used:

- When handling, spraying or brushing any substance which if splashed into the eyes or face may cause injury
- When undertaking any work on batteries including fitting, removal and charging
- When working in the chassis wash

Welding mask/goggles must be used:

- When welding or cutting steelwork

Remember the following:

- Eye protection only works when worn over the eyes – it is useless worn on top of the head or around the neck
- Never watch welding processes unless wearing shielded eye protection
- If you get something in your eye or receive an eye injury, ask for the help of a first aider – **Do not rub it with your dirty hands**
- Ensure you request new eye protection if yours becomes damaged or badly scratched

No visible Jewellery e.g. earrings/studs/hoops, chains, bracelets, rings can be worn whilst working in the workshop.

You are on you first and last pair of eyes – Eye protection is replaceable; your eyes are not.



SAFETY **NOW SEE THIS!** **SAFETY**
EYE AND FACE PROTECTION

GOGGLES MUST BE USED...

- ☑ When using an abrasive wheel.
- ☑ When removing glass.
- ☑ When drilling.
- ☑ When handling, spraying or brushing any substance or preparation which, if splashed into eyes will cause injury.
- ☑ When striking metal components with an impact tool.
- ☑ When using any jet wash machine.
- ☑ During any work process which will result in swarf, dust or dirt being formed.
- ☑ When you are verbally instructed to wear eye protection.

FACE SHIELD MUST BE USED...

- ☑ When handling, spraying or brushing any substance or preparation which, if splashed into the eyes or face will cause injury.
- ☑ When undertaking any work on batteries including fitting/ removal and charging.
- ☑ When operating within the chassis wash.

WELDING MASK MUST BE USED...

- ☑ When welding or cutting steelwork

Remember! you are on your first and last pair of eyes

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I understand that it is my responsibility to wear eye protection where signage dictates or other factors such as the likelihood of debris being created or dislodged, swarf being ejected or splashing of substances which may cause injury to the eyes is possible.

I am aware that if my personal protective equipment such as eye protection is damaged this should be reported immediately.

I understand that I cannot wear jewellery whilst at work in the workshop.

By signing this acknowledgement, you are confirming that you attended the toolbox talk and understand and agree with the content.

Employee to complete in block capitals

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GARAGE: JOB TITLE:

SIGN: DATE:

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