Toolbox Talks – Foresight Preserves Eyesight

There are all kinds of eye hazards in construction work. And there is excellent protection for every eye hazard you’ll find on a project. Remember: There’s every kind of eye protection device readily available, but you’re using your one and only pair of eyes right now.

Here are some of the more common operations where eye protection is an absolute must:

- Chipping, sLEDging and hammering on metal, stone or concrete.
- Using manual, pneumatic and power impact tools.
- Caulking, brushing and grinding.
- Drilling, scaling and scraping.
- Soldering and casting hot metals.
- Handling hot tar, oils, liquids and molten substances.
- Handling acids, caustics and creosote materials.
- Gas welding, cutting and brazing.
- Electric arc welding and cutting.
- Operations that may expose the eyes to dust, gases, fumes or liquids.
- Drilling overhead.
- Working where there’s dust blowing around.

Eye protection can be comfortable when you get a good fit. True, goggles can fog up. But you can wear a sweat band if you sweat a lot. And there are anti-fog liquids. Maybe there is some inconvenience in using eye protection, but consider the alternatives:

- Loss of sight or your field of vision.
- Many recreational activities rely on depth perception—hunting, for one—and games such as baseball and basketball.
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