

<b>Occupational Health &amp; Safety System</b>	
<b>OHS Standards</b>	<b>Number: WP-01</b>
<b>Personal Protective Equipment: Eye Protection</b>	

CSA approved protective eyewear must be worn wherever there is a risk of eye injury. Supervisors are responsible to ensure eye protection appropriate for the task being performed is supplied to workers, in accordance with the collective agreement, and that workers wear the protective eyewear when working. Section 81 of the Industrial Regulations provides the legal framework.

The Manager of Occupational Health & Safety and a worker designate will assess the work area, at the request of workers or supervisors, to determine the requirement for and/or appropriate type of protective eyewear. Upon such determination, the JOHSC may recommend payment of an allowance to affected workers in accordance with the collective agreement.

**REQUIREMENT:**

1. Only CSA approved safety eyewear shall be worn; this eyewear shall bear the CSA mark.
2. Hardened prescription glasses are not to be considered as approved. Only a combination of prescription glasses with a CSA approved goggle or face shield shall constitute compliance with this requirement.
3. Prescription lenses mounted into CSA approved frames cannot be considered approved. Safety eyewear can be broken down into three types:
  - a. Glasses with side shields which are normally rated for impact protection only but may be rated for radiation protection; Glasses with side shields rated for radiation protection;
  - b. Goggles which are rated for impact protection, chemical splash protection, radiation protection; and
  - c. Face shields, which are rated for impact protection, chemical splash protection, and for use in some welding and metal pouring operations.
4. Only chemical protective goggles, face shields, a combination of safety glasses and face shield, or a combination of goggles and face shield shall be worn when working with chemicals.
5. Only protective goggles, face shields and helmets approved for welding shall be worn when welding is carried out.