Eyes Online Resources

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"Each day about 2,000 U.S. workers have a job-related eye injury that requires medical treatment. About one-third of the injuries are treated in hospital emergency departments and more than 100 of these injuries result in one or more days of lost work."

So begins the information on NIOSH's website. From this site you have links to various eye statistics, as well as some Health Hazard Evaluations of some recent reports related to eye safety.

2. **NIOSH Contact Lens Use**

When the subject of eye safety in an industrial setting comes up, contact lens use is an often-asked question. NIOSH has a link from its eye safety home page to Current Intelligence Bulletin 59 – Contact Lens Use in a Chemical Environment. You can download the report by going to this website.

3. **ANSI via International Safety Equipment Association**

Safety eye wear has to meet tough ANSI requirements and their document, ANSI Z87.1-2003, Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection Devices provides manufacturers with the specifications to do just that. ANSI standards are copyrighted and cannot be reproduced. You need to purchase your copy. The International Safety Equipment Association is one of the organizations that sell this publication. You can order it from them by printing their order form and faxing them an order. The

order form can be downloaded here.

4. **Lab Safety Supply**

Lab Safety Supply's EZ Facts provides helpful information. Fact Sheet 125, What to Look for When Choosing Protective Eyewear, is one such bulletin. You can read it online, here.

5. **Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology**

The Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology has information on its website about eye safety around the home, for home activities, for sports and for hobbies. For example, many of us use steel-toed shoes when we're mowing the lawn. How many also use safety glasses? Get more information at their website.

6. **Prevent Blindness America**

Prevent Blindness America is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization with the sole mission of preventing blindness and preserving sight. Their website is full of easy-to-navigate links that provide information on eye safety, eye problems, and children's eye problems. There is an eye test that you can print and useto test your eyes at home.

7. **Prevent Blindness America, Connecticut Chapter**

Getting children into the habit of using eye safety will reap big rewards for them as they grown up. The Connecticut Chapter, along with Prevent Blindness America, developed an interactive website for children's eye safety. You can find it here.

Conclusion

You can also find some helpful information on the websites of the various safety eye wear providers.