



Foreign Body Injuries

SAFETY ALERT

During 2018, 9 foreign body eye injuries were reported. Below outlines some of these where each has a learning that we can take from it.

Incident 1 - While cutting timber with a circular saw a piece of off-cut went into the apprentice's eye.

Incident 2 - While grinding and looking upwards, a spark from the grinder entered his full face mask.

Incident 3 - While performing demolition work chipping the tiles from the wall the apprentice lifted his safety glasses above his head because they had fogged up, carried on chipping and received a foreign body in his eye scratching the cornea.



Recommendations

Most injuries from a foreign body in the eye are minor and usually heal without further problems given the right care. If the foreign body imbeds in your eye, always seek medical attention to have it removed.

If grinding, welding, cutting, chipping or chiseling, wear your safety goggles (not glasses) as they are fitted with a seal to stop flying objects, airborne dust and swarf. If your current goggles are scratched, ring your Field Consultant who will ensure another pair is issued to you.

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