



# Safety Meeting Outline



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## WHY TAKE A CHANCE?

*By SeaBright Insurance Loss Control*

Are you willing to risk losing your ability to see? Thousands of people take that chance every day by not wearing needed eye protection. In fact 3 out of 5 workers who have experienced an eye injury were not wearing their eye protection.

A survey by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) found that nearly 70% of the injuries were the result of flying or falling objects. Most of the material striking the eye was reportedly moving at speeds faster than something being thrown by hand.

What can you do so you are not added to these statistics? Easy...

- **WEAR PROPER EYE PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES.** It is estimated that 90% of eye injuries can be prevented through the use of proper protective eyewear. Manufacturers of eye and face protection have greatly improved their products to help encourage more willing and more consistent use. In the past workers in the field would not wear the protection because of the equipment's lack of comfort, durability, or out-dated styling. Considerable advancements have now been made in the design of this protection to improve the comfort, durability and fashion.
- **MAKE SURE THE EYE PROTECTION IS RIGHT FOR THE HAZARD** and that it fits correctly. Also know when to wear goggles and/or a face shield especially when doing high hazard work such as grinding, chipping or working with corrosive compounds.

According to the University of Washington Ophthalmologists, Inc., most eye injuries are rated either mild or severe, with few being in between. Mild cases usually require only simple outpatient care such as irrigating and antibiotic treatment. Severe cases may require multiple surgeries and in most cases the eye sight will not be as it was before the accident, if the vision can be saved at all.

Protecting your eyesight should be one of your most paramount concerns whether you are on the job or not. Your company may provide you the protection, and have a 100% eye protection policy. However, it is your responsibility to wear the eye protection. Without your commitment, you put yourself at risk of losing your eyesight.

Often people will think nothing of spending a hundred dollars or more for a pair of name brand fashion sunglasses. Some of the best safety glasses cost less than \$10. Fashion eyewear looks great and protects your eyes from the sun. But they are typically not safety-rated, and are not designed to protect your eyes from objects impacting the lenses.

***REMEMBER! THERE ARE NO GOOD EXCUSES FOR NOT PROTECTING YOUR EYESIGHT.***



# SAFETY MEETING AGENDA

DEPARTMENT/JOB SITE: \_\_\_\_\_ MEETING DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Open Meeting & Present safety topic:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read minutes from previous meeting.
3. **Persons present:**

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4. **Old Business** – Status of previous recommendations. Discuss pending old business if any.
5. **Accidents** – Discuss accidents and near misses that have occurred since the last meeting. Brief summary of accidents to date by number and type. Note any trends. Discuss corrective action taken, or needed. Concentrate on accident causes to make everyone more aware.
6. **Inspection Reports** – Report on findings and recommendations of any inspection reports made since last meeting.
7. **New Business** – Solicit employee suggestions. Discuss new procedures, changes to company safety policy, etc.

TIME MEETING STARTED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME FINISHED: \_\_\_\_\_

MEETING CHAIRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_