



About 800,000 U.S. workers experience job-related eye injuries that require medical treatment each year.

Common causes for eye injuries include:

- flying objects (metal and glass fragments),
- tools,
- particles,
- chemicals,
- harmful radiation.

The good news is 90% of workplace eye injuries are preventable when employees wear the proper eye protection.<sup>1</sup> That's why, every employee working in or passing through areas that pose eye hazards should wear protective eyewear.

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## Eye Safety Facts

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### In the Workplace

- More than 2,000 people injure their eyes at work each day.<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately 60% of workers that incurred eye injuries were not wearing proper protective eyewear.<sup>3</sup>
- Each year, eye injuries lead to 37,000 missed days of work costing more than \$300 million.<sup>3</sup>
- It's estimated that eye injuries cost more than \$934 million each year after totaling indirect costs such as legal fees, judgments, and the cost of training replacement workers.<sup>3</sup>

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## Benefits through a VSP Preferred Provider

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### Exam Services

- Members receive 20% off an eye exam if needed
- **Optional:** An eye exam may be added to the ProTec Safety Plan for an additional cost.

### Prescription Lenses

Lenses are engineered to meet American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety guidelines and impact-rated protector levels for maximum safety. These lenses:

- Are at least 2mm thick
- Resist impact from a one inch steel ball dropped from 50 inches and/or a 0.25 inch steel ball traveling at 150 feet per second
- Are marked by the manufacturer as a safety lens

### ProTec Eyewear® Safety Frame

Members select from the ProTec Eyewear safety frames collection, all certified according to ANSI requirements. These frames:

- Have a "Z87.2" or a "Z87.2+" stamp on the front and temples
- Have the manufacturer's logo on them
- Are constructed so that, if impacted from the front, the lens will not come out through the back of the frame

### Data Support

- VSP's comprehensive reporting lets you see exactly what you're spending annually on a safety plan, so you can budget accordingly
- Access to a range of reports that provide easy monitoring capabilities on utilization, claims costs, and lens options

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<sup>1</sup> American Optometric Association and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

<sup>2</sup> National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

<sup>3</sup> US Bureau of Labor Statistics