

Eye SafetyA Harvest Season Memo

Across the country, agricultural workers are gearing up for the annual fall harvest season – one of the busiest times of the year. An important safety fact to keep in mind is that farmers’ eyes are the second most frequently injured body part – and one of the easiest to protect. Flying objects, dust and grain particles, along with wood splinters can cause immediate and long lasting damage to our vision. Protective eyewear can prevent over 90% of eye injuries and is so easy to use. Safety glasses for use while harvesting grain should be impact resistant and have wrap-around lenses that provide the most complete protection. Safety glasses that block 99% - 100% of UV rays can reduce glare and provide protection from the development of cataracts and eyelid skin cancers.

*****Remember --- *impact* resistant and *chemical* resistant do not mean the same thing and refer to different types of protection!**

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