

Eye Protection in the Workplace

1 Eye protection is needed any time physical distancing of 2 metres is not possible.

2 Eye protection must be put on before being within 2 metres of another person.

Goggles



- Very reliable to protect from splashes, sprays and droplets
- Fit snug around the face
- May be uncomfortable for extended wear

Face Shields



- Very reliable to protect from splashes, sprays and droplets
- Covers the maximum area of the face

Safety Glasses



- Less reliable than goggles or face shields
- Make sure that they have side protection and fit closely to the forehead and cheeks

If you wear prescription glasses, use a face shield or goggles that fit snugly, with no gaps between the protective equipment and your face.

Tips

- Provide a variety of types of eye protection for staff to choose from.
- Make sure eye protection and mask/respirator fit properly together.
- Eye protection can be removed when physical distancing can be maintained, unless your workplace policy states otherwise.
- Eye protection must be cleaned and disinfected when removed (e.g. prior to changing mask/respirator, when going on a break, at the end of shift).

Cleaning Steps

- 1** Clean hands and put on gloves
- 2** Use a disinfectant wipe with a DIN number to wipe the inside and then the outside
- 3** Make sure the surfaces stay wet for the contact time (1–3 min)
- 4** Rinse with water and allow to dry
- 5** Remove gloves and clean hands
- 6** Store in a clean manner (e.g. paper or plastic bag)