

Hazard Summary

Proper Eye Protection

A worker, wearing safety glasses, is underneath a car changing the oil. Dirt falls from underneath the car onto the worker's face. Dirt gets underneath the safety glasses and into his eyes.

Sometimes just wearing eye protection is not enough. It must be the right protection for what you are doing.

Safe Work Practices:

Always wear eye protection that fits well and is comfortable. The type of protection used depends on the hazards in the workplace. Wear:

- Safety glasses with side protection when there are particles, flying objects, or dust in the workplace;
- Goggles when working with chemicals;
- Face shields to protect your face from dust and splashes, and sprays from hazardous liquids. Face shields do not protect you from impact hazards, so protective eyewear should be worn under the face shield;
- Safety glasses, goggles, face shields, or helmets designed for that specific task, if you are working near hazardous radiation (welding, lasers, or fibre optics).

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