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To: University Of Michigan Staff
Acquiring Prescription Safety Glasses through
Occupational Safety & Environmental Health

Subject: Side Shields

The University's Occupational Safety & Environmental Health department is now requiring all safety eye glass vendors to provide permanently attached side shields to all prescription safety eye glasses purchased through our program.

The Prescription safety glass program is designed to protect you from eye hazards in the workplace. Side shields are an essential component in reducing the risk of eye injury. In any work situation where there is a potential risk of eye injury, it is well understood that the risk is posed not only to the front of the eye, but to the side as well. The shield will act to protect your eye, and ***it is required by the State and Federal occupational safety regulations that all safety glasses have side shields.***

Permanent side shields will ensure that this vital component is present when you need it. Permanent side shields must not be removed from the safety glasses or modified in any way. Staff and their supervisors are responsible for ensuring that the safety glasses provided for work are used in the manner in which intended.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Danielle Sheen, Industrial Hygiene & Safety Manager, at 3-9132 or drsheen@umich.edu, or your departmental OSEH rep.

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