

# Louisiana State University

## Office of Facility Services

### Operating Instruction 4003B

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**SUBJECT: EYE AND FACE PROTECTION**

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**I. General**

- A. Eye and face injuries are among the most preventable injuries in the work place. in addition to the personal loss and suffering of the employee, these injuries may involve Workmen's Compensation and the loss of a valuable employee.
- B. Protective eyewear, although it may sometimes be inconvenient or uncomfortable, provides the best available means of protection.
- C. All Facility Services personnel, contractors or visitors shall wear eye and face protection when exposed to a hazardous environment. When people are exposed to more dangerous hazards, the protective gear must include, but is not limited to, side shields on safety glasses, goggles, face shields, and eyewear designed to protect and filter hazardous light.

**II. Requirements**

- A. Safety glasses are to be considered the minimum approved eye protection when there is a reasonable probability of injury without protection.
- B. Suitable eye and/or face protection shall be worn in any areas where machine operation or environment presents hazards of, but not limited to, flying objects, glare, liquids, injurious radiation or a combination of these hazards.

- C. The safety equipment must meet requirements of OSHA Federal Regulations 1910.133

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- D. Employees who wear contact lenses should not wear them where there are appreciable amounts of dust, smoke, fumes and liquid irritants.
- E. Safety glasses with prescription lenses are recommended. If the employee does not have prescription safety glasses, then the appropriate protection shall be worn over eyeglasses or contact lenses.
- F. It is required that employees wearing contact lenses keep an extra pair of contacts and/or prescription safety glasses in their possession. This action will allow the employee to continue performing their job should they lose or damage a lens on the work site.

### **III. Selection**

- A. Eye and face protection requirements for each department, work group, craft and job situation will dictate the proper protection. Please refer to the Office of Occupational and Environmental Safety (OOES) Safety Manual, Section VI Personal Protection Program, Section A-Eye Protection at:

[http://appl003.lsu.edu/PubSafety/oes.nsf/\\$Content/VI.+Personal+Protection+Program?OpenDocument#VIA](http://appl003.lsu.edu/PubSafety/oes.nsf/$Content/VI.+Personal+Protection+Program?OpenDocument#VIA)

### **IV. Responsibilities**

- A. Each employee is responsible for wearing and maintaining safe eye and face protection.
- B. Each supervisor shall be held accountable to ensure that the proper protection is available and properly worn.
- C. Each department head shall ensure that this operational instruction is adhered to and enforced.