

Safety Alert

Close Call: The importance of eye protection

Location: Residential property, Parksville, Vancouver Island

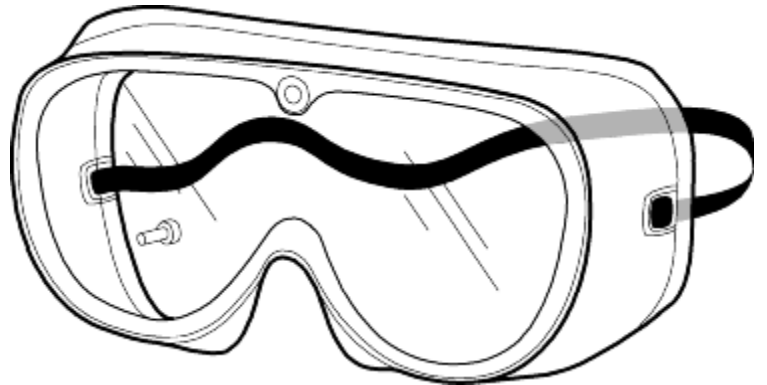
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Details of Close Call / Serious Incident:

A worker was standing and monitoring a shallow machine excavation, which involved removing a small concrete structure.

While watching the digging, a small piece of debris flew through the air and into the worker's eye. The worker rinsed his eye with water and returned to work.

No lost time, or first aid kit or attendant was required.



Corrective action(s) to be taken: Ensure your PPE is appropriate for the task at hand. For example, plastic safety glasses opposed to a mesh face shield. This will stop all small airborne particles and dust from entering your eye.

Also, only stand as close to a working machine as necessary for the task.

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