

ACCEPTABLE EYE PROTECTION

All staff/physicians who independently purchase safety glasses or goggles are responsible to ensure they meet the criteria outlined below.



Criteria for acceptable eye protection:

- 1) Must fit securely and not interfere with visual acuity
- 2) Prescription glasses must not interfere with the appropriate fit of eye protection
- 3) All forms of eye protection can be worn with extended use, some forms of eye protection can be re-used if cleaned and stored safely in between use
- 4) Should provide full coverage of the eye, and not have large venting holes



*Prescription eye glasses are not considered adequate eye protection

*Only hospital provided face shields are acceptable for use.

**Eye protection available from the PPE Depot.
Specific models subject to change, check with Depot for current supply.**

Eye Protection Option	Description
<p>Hospital Provided Face Shield</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face shields are available in clean cores and PPE depot. They must cover the front and sides of the user's eyes to protect against splash/spray or respiratory droplets. • They are disposable and are discarded at the end of extended use or if damaged or visibly soiled. • Preferred option when there is a risk of blood or body fluid splash as it provides an impermeable barrier for the mouth and nose. • Generally compatible with prescription glasses. • Can be applied over prescription safety glasses or goggles if necessary • Preferred use with AGMPs
<p>Hospital Provided safety glasses</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They must cover the front and sides of the user's eyes to protect against splash/spray or respiratory droplets. • They are disposable and are discarded at the end of extended use or if damaged or visibly soiled • When removed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The disposable lens is removed and discarded ○ The reusable frames are cleaned with soap and water ○ A new lens is obtained and attached to the clean frame or the frame can be stored • May not be compatible with prescription glasses as they fit close to the face.

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<p>Safety Glasses</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety glasses should provide full coverage of the eye, and not have large venting holes. • Safety glasses should have a snug fit, so as not to fall off during care. • Re-useable safety glasses must be constructed of materials that can be easily washed with soap and water. Fabric and/ or foam components including the arms or straps are not acceptable. • Must be worn in conjunction with an appropriate mask. • Face shields are preferred when there is a risk of splash or spray with blood/ body fluids as it provides an impermeable barrier for the mouth and nose. • Prescription glasses may interfere with the appropriate fit of safety glasses, the user must ensure adequate fit. • Users should be mindful to only store after washed with soap and water, and to store in a safe location to minimize scratching of the lens which can impact visibility over time.
<p>Safety Goggles (not currently in stock)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goggles should provide full coverage of the eye, and not have large venting holes. • Goggles often have a strap that goes around the back of the head which reduces mobility of the goggles while providing care • Re-useable goggles must be constructed of materials that can be easily washable with soap and water. Fabric and/ or foam components on the arms or straps are not acceptable. • Must be worn in conjunction with an appropriate mask. • Face shields are preferred when there is a risk of splash or spray with blood/ body fluids as it provides an impermeable barrier for the mouth and nose • Users should be mindful to only store after washed with soap and water, and to store in a safe location to minimize scratching of the lens which can impact visibility over time