



WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

SAFETY EYEWEAR POLICY & REQUIREMENTS

PROCEDURE [S-106](#)

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1. INTRODUCTION

- a. Safety apparel is an integral component of the WCSU Safety and Accident
- b. Prevention Program. In order to reduce the risk to employees from flying objects, WCSU has implemented the Procedure/Policy described below.

2. POLICY

- a. ANSI Z87.1 approved safety eyewear shall be worn when the potential for eye hazards exists (reference 29CFR 1910 Occupational Safety & Health Administration). Eyewear must meet Z87 standards and must be equipped with side shields.

3. APPLICATION

In an effort to minimize employee injury, the following employee titles will be required to wear protective eyewear:

- a. Maintainers
- b. Custodians
- c. Quality Craft Workers
- d. Boilertenders
- e. Groundskeepers
- f. Supervisors of the above titles
- g. Laboratory Employees
- h. Faculty who use chemicals as part of their course curriculum
- i. Student employees

The following is a partial list of tasks or duties that require the use of protective eyewear:

- a. overhead work
- b. chipping, grinding, chopping
- c. any work with striking hand tools
- d. any work with portable power tools
- e. any work with stationary power tools
- f. painting, priming, sanding
- g. all chemical handling
- h. all work involving liquids with a splash potential
- i. lawn mowing, weed whacking or any landscaping function with risk of flying debris
- j. working in the scene shop
- k. working in the sculpture studio.

The above list is not intended to be all inclusive. Employees and supervisors must assess individual tasks for a potential risk.

4. Face Shield Requirements

When a face shield is in use, ensure safety glasses are also used. A face shield is not a substitute for safety glasses.