

## It Really Works!

# B&V's Mandatory Eye-Protection Policy Saves Operative's Eye Sight

A recent incident on a BVL project resulted in a 25% caustic soda solution being accidentally sprayed into an operative's face. The mandatory light eye-protection he was wearing prevented any chemical coming into contact with his eyes, protecting him from serious injury including the possible loss of his sight.

The incident happened during the replacement of a metal cover. The cover slipped and fell against a plastic dosing line carrying caustic soda. The line was fractured and released a spray of the chemical.

Because the operative was wearing his PPE he was unhurt and returned to work later that day after being discharged from the hospital. If he had not worn his eye protection it could have been a very different outcome as the following shows:-

### ***A safety alert from another construction firm illustrates what can happen if you don't wear your eye protection***

*A bricklaying apprentice was carrying a bucketful of mortar. As he set the bucket down it slipped, hit the ground and the mortar flew up into his face and eyes. At the time of the incident he was not wearing eye protection. He was treated on site immediately by the first aider then taken to hospital.*



*The mortar caused severe burns to both eyeballs; it had started to set hard, so doctors had to remove it by scraping. After a number of visits to hospital and several operations he still does not know how much of his sight he will recover.*

**DO NOT TAKE CHANCES WITH YOUR EYESIGHT. IT ONLY TAKES A SECOND FOR SOMETHING TO ENTER YOUR EYE AND DAMAGE IT PERMANENTLY**

**The Mandatory Light Eye Protection Policy is there to protect you from the unexpected. USE IT OR YOU MAY NEVER SEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS**