

About Tool Box Talks

Please read through this document with each of your staff FACE TO FACE in the form of a Toolbox talk, encourage interaction on the Discussion points. Each Toolbox talk should take no more than 10 – 15 minutes.

A tool box talk record sheet shall be completed containing each employees signature. Retain a copy on your local Toolbox talk file and fax/email a copy to the central number shown at the bottom of the Toolbox talk form.

Eye Protection

Introduction:

It only takes a small fragment or splinter to cause irreparable damage to the eye, but most risks can be significantly reduced, if not eliminated, by simply wearing suitable eye protection. Remember eye protection is mandatory for all staff, management, visitors and contractors within the defined areas of ERIKS UK Electromechanical Workshops.

Main points:

- Employees have a legal obligation to use eye protection when risk assessments show that they are required and signage is displayed, you should never enter an eye protection zone unless your eyes are properly protected.
- Don't walk past someone not wearing safety glasses in your workshop – tell them to wear them
- Always wear the correct type of eye protection e.g. standard safety glasses are not suitable when grinding, or steam cleaning.
- Make sure your eye protection fits you comfortably and is suitable for the job.
- Look after your eye protection, keep it clean and report any damage or loss to your supervisor.

Discussion points:

- Even if not carrying out a task with an obvious eye hazard, you may be at risk from others nearby. Always wear your eye protection when in a workshop, if in any doubt when at a customers premises – wear it!
- Do not modify your eye protection by removing the side shields.
- Eye protection only works when worn over the eyes – it is useless worn on top of the head or around the neck.
- Never watch any welding processes unless wearing suitable shielded eye protection.
- If you get something in your eye, or receive an eye injury, ask a first aider to help you.
- Always wear suitable eye protection when using compressed air, hazardous substances, cartridge fired tools, power tools, power washers, hand tools such as chisels etc,

EYE PROTECTION IS REPLACEABLE – EYES ARE NOT!