

Safety Alert

Event Number: 1FiCS:18402

Event Date: 05/10/2016

Classification: First aid injury (FAI)

Maximo incident no: 94134

First Alert – Eye Injury

Description of Event:

During CA work an Electrix employee received an eye injury when small particles were blown into his eye during strong wind gusts. The employee was wearing compliant safety glasses at the time.

Immediate Actions:

The Employee was given first aid on site by washing out his eye. He was still suffering discomfort and was taken to an optometrist who administered further treatment for minor scratches to the eye.

Cause:

Small particles of dust and debris were able to pass behind the glasses by force of wind pressure.

Solution:

A thorough Risk assessment must be undertaken prior to work starting. Additional PPE in addition to safety glasses may be required for injury protection from flying debris to the eyes/face e.g. safety goggles, mesh visor, clear screen visor or full face shield. (See Electrix Doc# HS11 and risk register).

Safety glasses with additional sealing gasket and strap fitted may offer additional protection to the user.



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