

# FACE PROTECTION

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Personal Protection

Never risk danger to your face and eyes even for just a few minutes of welding, cutting, or grinding. The damage can happen quickly and be permanent!

- Safety glasses aren't always enough – sometimes you need both the safety glasses to protect your eyes AND a face shield to protect your face.
- Always wear face and eye protection that is designed for safety protection and rated as required by OSHA regulations.

**OSHA Standard 1926.102(a)(1)** *Employees shall be provided with eye and face protection equipment when machines or operations present potential eye or face injury from physical, chemical, or radiation agents.*



- Always follow the manufacturer's recommendations for the specific face shield.
- Wear safety glasses under the face shield as intended by the manufacturer.
- Use the type of face shield suited for the specific task.
- Mesh face shields are great for cutting tasks where large particles could strike your face.
- Clear plastic/acrylic shields are better for tasks where small particles, splattering, or sparks could strike the face.

## Discussion

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***What common work tasks might require face protection?***

***When should you wear both safety glasses and a face shield?***