There were an estimated **24,973 EYE INJURIES** in Ontario in 2011*.

An estimated **90% ARE PREVENTABLE** with the proper eyewear**.

**Average Number of Treated Eye Injuries per year, 2009-2011**

- **287 Blunt trauma**
- **167 Punctures/Deep embedments**
- **24,229 Embedded objects**

**Most Common**
- Foreign body penetration but no perforation
- Blunt force trauma
- Foreign body punctures the eye

**WHAT CONtributes TO EYE INJURIES?**

- Nearly THREE OUT OF EVERY FIVE WORKERS injured were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident.

- Wearing the **WRONG** kind of eye protection. These people were most likely to be wearing eyeglasses with no **SIDE SHIELDS**.

- With **SIDE SHIELDS**

**WHAT CAUSES EYE INJURIES?**

- Flying particles
  - 70% of eye injuries result from flying or falling objects or sparks striking the eye.
  - It is estimated that nearly 3/5 of the objects were smaller than a-pin head.
  - Most of the particles were said to be travelling faster than a hand-thrown object when the accident occurred.

- Contact with chemicals caused 1/5 of the injuries.

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