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## Personal Protective Equipment in Schools

In September 1994 a student watching a practical demonstration in an industrial arts shop, *lost an eye*. He was struck in the eye with a piece of metal from another activity occurring simultaneously in the shop. The student watching the demonstration was not wearing any EYE PROTECTION.

In industrial arts shops there are many operations and work processes that require the instructor and student to wear protective equipment. There are many different forms of protection: eye, face, hand, foot, hearing, respiratory, chemical protection, etc.



Students and instructors should NEVER be permitted in hazardous areas without proper personal protective equipment.

Proper enforcement of the Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulations will reduce the risk of these preventable incidents, as well as train and prepare students for future employment in industry.

Under the *Workplace Safety and Health Act*, it is the school division's responsibility to:

- Identify the hazards in the workplace.
- Establish policies and safe work procedures for the protection of the instructor and students.
- Provide the necessary personal protective equipment.
- Train the instructor and student in the proper use, care and maintenance of the personal protective equipment.
- ENFORCE the policy of wearing personal protective equipment when performing the identified hazardous jobs, or being present or in close proximity to the hazardous area.
- Post highly visible warning signs next to the appropriate machines, or hazardous areas.



Where serious incidents occur in the workplace, regulations require the employer to report the incident to the Workplace Safety and Health Division immediately. See reverse side of this bulletin for "Reporting of Serious Incidents - Guidelines for Schools."