

MANUFACTURING SAFETY ALERT

Ask Yourself
“Could it happen here?”

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Foreign Object in Eye

An employee was performing welding duties outside of the Fab Shop. Towards the end of their shift, they felt minor irritation in their eye but thought little of it and went home.

Approximately three hours later, the irritation developed into significant discomfort, and the employee noticed something in their eye.

They attended the Emergency Room, where it was discovered that a foreign object was present. Medical staff administered drops to freeze the area and successfully removed the object. Antibiotics were then prescribed to aid recovery.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Education of pre-job hazard assessment; ergonomics and PPE
- Requirement to report first aid at onset of issue/concern to prevent escalation of treatment
- Add welding screen to fab shop to deflect welding materials away from worker
- Create and share safety alert
- Conduct safety contacts regarding duty to report



MOST IMPORTANT TAKE AWAY

Even minor eye irritation should not be ignored, as it may indicate the presence of a foreign object.

Visiting first aid and prompt medical attention is essential to prevent further complications and ensure proper treatment.

