

Falmouth Fire-EMS Operating Guideline Eye Protection SOG

Objective:

To establish expectations of the need for eye protection for all members of Falmouth Fire-EMS.

General Information:

The Falmouth Fire-EMS Department issues eye protection to every member in accordance with OSHA 1910.133 Eye & Face Protection. It is up to the member to keep the eye protection clean and free from damage. Eye protection includes safety glasses and/or goggles plus face shields for helmets.

Guidelines:

1. Eye and face protection is to be worn by all persons, including visitors when exposed to possible hazards to the eyes and/or face.
2. Proper face and eye protection will be worn while performing any operation where flying particles constitute an eye hazard. This includes at the scenes of motor vehicle crashes where extrication tools are being used to break or remove glass, metal, etc.
3. Chemical goggles, a face shield or other appropriate shielding will be utilized when working where corrosive materials may be splashed or spilled.
4. Safety glasses with side shields and/or face shield will be used when a member is executing any procedure that presents a reasonable opportunity for the occurrence of an eye injury outside of a safety glasses area.
5. Safety glasses and/or goggles will not be used for fire fighting unless approved by ANSI or NFPA.
6. The shield on a turnout helmet and face piece of a SCBA provides eye and face protection during fire fighting situations. **Note: Face shields are for secondary eye protection only.**

These guidelines may be changed or altered by the Fire Chief at any time.