

CONTRACTOR SAFETY ALERT



WEARING PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

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Background

On 19 February, an FPC Contractor truck driver was completing a pre-start check on their truck when they splashed radiator coolant into their eyes whilst decanting from a 4-litre container through a funnel into the radiator above head height. The driver suffered an eye injury resulting in eight days lost time. Fortunately, there was no long-term damage, and the worker has fully recovered.

Key Points

- The incident wasn't immediately reported.
- The coolant was being added above head height. Alternative methods to enable workers to refill radiators without having to do so above head height should be identified.
- The driver was not wearing safety glasses at the time of the incident which would have minimised the risk of injury.
- Details of what PPE should be worn for an activity should be documented in Procedures/Job safety Analysis/Work Instructions.