

# SAFETY ALERT



## Eye injury sustained whilst strapping load

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### Background

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022, an FPC contractor employee (truck driver) sustained an eye injury resulting in five days lost time.

The employee was leaning towards the trailer winding up loose strap onto the trailers ratchet mechanism, and their face contacted a stick caught in the load.

### Key points

- The employee was not wearing the safety glasses provided by the employer.
- The employee was wearing prescription glasses, which did not provide an adequate level of protection.
- Conditions were pre-dawn, lighting was poor and the employee was only using a handheld torch as their head torch battery was flat.
- All workers should consider suitability of eye protection when undertaking infield tasks where an eye injury could be sustained.

A PCBU must provide all PPE, to an employee to minimise health and safety risks to the worker

A worker must use the PPE provided to them by the PCBU as reasonably able, to minimise health and safety risks to themselves.