Eye Injury Prevention Quick Facts

- Serious ocular trauma from Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom was the second most common combat injury and follows only hearing loss, with 16% of all casualties suffering ocular trauma and/or injury, ranging from distorted vision to blindness.¹
- From Oct. 1, 2001, through Dec. 31, 2011, a total of 97,600 new Veterans with Military-related eye injuries entered the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health system, according to the VA Office of Public Health.
- In the United States, more than 2,000 eye injuries occur every day², and 100 of these injuries result in one or more days of lost work:³
  - Employees reported more than 27,000 lost days of work due to eye injuries⁴
  - 60% of injured workers lacked appropriate eye protection at the time of the accident
- Over 90% of eye injuries are preventable with proper precautions and effective eye protection.⁵

References:
- ²U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
- ³Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- ⁴United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics
- ⁵Ibid.