

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

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SUBJECT: **Eye Protection Devices**

Legal Reference:

N.Y.S. Educational Law – Section 409A

Regulations of the Commissioner of Education – Section 141.8

N.Y.S. Department of Labor – Code Rule 19.4

OSHA Regulations – Section 1910.133 (when applicable)

Applies To:

Faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

Conditions of Use:

Faculty, staff, students and visitors **engaged in or exposed to the conditions** set forth shall wear eye protection devices. The conditions include any situation involving flying particles, injurious liquids, injurious light rays, or conditions which may be implosive or explosive.

When the activity is such that hazards may develop without warning, safety devices must be worn by all persons in a potentially hazardous area.

Students working in areas where other students are carrying out projects which produce any flying particles shall, at least, wear VISITOR glasses with side shields.

Departments to Provide:

Each department shall provide eye safety devices for the protection of employees, students and visitors.

Eye safety devices within the meaning of this policy shall include face shields, goggles, safety glasses, welding helmets, hoods and other specialized equipment in compliance with the American National Standard Practices for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, Z87.1-1968, promulgated by the American National Standards Institute, Inc.

Restrictions:

Chemical safety goggles shall be required as minimum protection for use by faculty, staff and students in chemical laboratories where hazardous fluids are in use. Exceptions (spectacle type glasses with **attached** side shields may be worn by laboratory personnel.)

Visitors passing through laboratories or spaces where there is exposure to injurious liquids, flying particles or possible explosion are permitted to wear plastic VISITOR glasses with side shields. Glasses without side shields are not acceptable.

Staff members shall wear prescription-ground safety glasses, plain lens safety glasses or safety glasses with side shields when working conditions demand and such devices are recommended by the Office of environmental Health and Safety.

Replacement of protective devices necessitated by loss or destruction as a result of negligence shall be at individual expense.

Signs Required:

Areas which fall within the conditions of use shall have warning signs posted on each entrance. The sign shall be lettered with words” “EYE PROTECTION REQUIRED IN THE AREA”. (Call Environmental Health and Safety for signs.)

Source of Information: Department of Public Safety, September 22, 1982

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