

## SAFETY GLASSES – CARE

### **Cleaning (personal safety glasses)**

Clean your personal safety glasses regularly:

- Clean all surfaces of the glasses
- Soap and water (e.g. Handwashing soap, Castile Soap, etc) **or** alcohol wipes ( $\geq 70\%$  isopropyl alcohol).

At a minimum, safety glasses are to be cleaned:

- before donning,
- before storing, and
- anytime they are visibly soiled

### **Disinfection (safety glasses worn by more than one person)**

Safety glasses that have been previously used by another must be disinfected:

- Prior to use
- Disinfect using a hospital approved disinfectant wipe (e.g. PDI Sani-Cloth)
- Disinfect all surfaces of the glasses
- Leave the glasses wet for the amount of time stated by the manufacturer of the disinfectant

### **Storage**

Safety glasses should be given the same care as one's own glasses, since the lenses, frames, and nose pieces, can become damaged by frequent use.

- Store glasses in a clean, dust-proof container, such as a box, bag, plastic re-sealable bag, etc
- Personal safety glasses are to be stored alone
- Multi-user safety glasses may be stored together

### **Replace**

- When visibly soiled with blood or body fluids. They may not be reused. Discard in an appropriate waste container, and obtain a new pair.
- If glasses become damaged, they may not be reused. Discard in an appropriate waste container, and obtain a new pair.

- If the glasses do not fit an individual properly because of head/face shape, or if they compromise an individual's visual acuity in any way, the
- employee will replace them with an alternate style.

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