

Type of Incident

Eye Injury

Summary of Incident

An associate was dressing a weld beside a metal rib on an Axial hub. After finishing the task, the associate then proceeded to remove his face visor and the cloth hood which was being worn to protect his face and head. Whilst removing the cloth hood, dust and dirt fell from it on to his face resulting in the associate attending the hospital, where a particle in his eye was found and removed.

Critical Factors

- Task was being carried out correctly
- 2 levels of protection were being worn by associate in accordance with Howden Global EHS requirements (face visor & safety glasses)
- Despite wearing the correct PPE, a foreign object was still able to enter his eye
- This is a second incident of a foreign object entering an associates eye during a grinding task in 2012

Corrective Actions

- Communicate to all associates involved in grinding activities the inherent risks associated with this type of activity, including the need to maintain and clean PPE
- Conduct a review of the type of face visor & safety glasses worn during task

Photo(s)



Dust and dirt fell on grinding hood during grinding task