



## MEMORANDUM

Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017

To: Principal Investigators, Lab Managers and Supervisors,  
and Research Staff

From: Randolph Hall/Vice-President for Research  
  
James H. Gibson/Executive Director, EH&S

Subject: Eye Protection Initiative

As we begin the new academic year, we take the opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining a safe work environment that includes the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as outlined in the [USC PPE Standard](#). Recent laboratory accidents at USC have resulted in exposures and minor eye injuries that could have been prevented with the proper use of eye and face protection. To increase PPE awareness and enhance the safety culture at USC, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) will soon begin an Eye Protection Initiative.

Over the next few weeks, EH&S Safety Specialists will schedule visits to your laboratories to demonstrate the different types of eye protection available. Prior to these visits, however, you will be emailed a very short survey to fill out to better gauge your understanding of PPE use and requirements.

During the visit, EH&S will provide: (a) a free pair of splash goggles, (b) information on how to purchase additional goggles as well as other PPE that may be required for your research, and (c) pertinent [Fact Sheets](#) and other educational materials to encourage complete eye protection whenever working with hazardous materials.

Thank you again for your continuing efforts to protect the health and safety of the campus community. If you have any questions or safety concerns, please contact [labsafety@usc.edu](mailto:labsafety@usc.edu) or call 323-442-2200.