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Physical Plant Department

SAFE + SOUND



PPD Staff,

This week's focus is on Eye Protection! My family has had the good fortune this week to adopt a 2 year-old black lab rescue dog. Hailing from the swamps of Alabama, the little guy had an encounter with an alligator in December resulting in severe damage to his left eye. A Good Samaritan found him and brought him to a veterinarian for eye removal surgery and some much needed wound care to his face and upper body. We are thrilled to report that our Wonder Dog is now in excellent health. We were able to transport him up here to snow country where we have assured him he will never, ever see another alligator! Wonder looks forward to many WONDER-ful years in Vermont and is happily navigating the world with just one eye.



Captain Wonder says
"Be Sure to Wear
Your Safety Glasses"

Although none of us will encounter an alligator as part of our work duties, we do encounter hazards that have the potential for an eye injury or even worse, the loss of an eye. If we cannot change the process or task we are doing without putting us in harm's way, we need to ensure we have the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for eye protection. There is a lot to consider when selecting to proper eye protection. Hazards to consider include Impact, Heat, Chemicals, Dust, and Optical Radiation. OSHA has a great *eTool* to assist in proper selection <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/eyeandface/index.html>. The Training & Compliance Office will assist to ensure uncontrolled safety hazards encountered in the workplace are evaluated. Last year we started a new program in providing safety glasses with prescription lenses for those needing prescriptions. If you need prescription safety glasses contact your supervisor to start the process.

Remember always have your safety glasses with you. The best place to have them with you is on your face. Our goal is for everyone to think **Safety First!** With this first on our mind we all have an increased opportunity to go home **Safe + Sound!** This campaign is in conjunction with OSHA's **Safe + Sound** campaign. Join the Campaign and be a PPD Safety Leader!