Major Eye Injuries



In 2013, an estimated 94,406 people were treated at U.S. hospital emergency rooms for eye injuries related to workplace or industrial products including injuries that may have occurred at home or in home workshops, as location of injuries is not reported in statistics. All age groups are included. The following are the top 15 categories contributing to the most eye injuries. *Not including sports-related eye injuries.

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		Estimated Number	
Rank	Product Category ¹ of Po	of People Injured	
1	Power Tools	16,251	
2	Welding (not specified)	12,390	
3	Workshop Grinders, Buffers, or Polishers (not specifie	ed) 12,342	
4	Manual Tools	9,454	
5	Bleach	5,966	
6	Lawn Mowers (not specified)	5,962	
7	Adhesives	4,703	
8	Tools (not specified)	4,301	
9	Eye Protective Devices	4,077	
10	General Household Cleaners	3,680	
11	Paper Products	3,512	
12	Pens & Pencils	3,458	
13	Lawn Trimmers or Edgers	3,425	
14	Soaps	2,459	
15	Flooring, Wood Paneling and Particleboard	2,426	



Table source: Prevent Blindness. Based on statistics provided by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Directorate for Epidemiology; National Injury Information Clearinghouse; National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Product Summary Report—Eye Injuries Only—Calendar Year 2013.

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