

# Goggles choice. It's the LAW!

In simple terms this law states that any time that a risk of eye injury exists, all persons in the same room or other enclosed area (lab/lecture combination room) must wear “industrial quality eye protective devices.”

## **North Carolina, General Statutes § 115C-166. Eye Protection Devices Required in Certain Courses.**

The governing board or authority of any public or private school or educational institution within the State, wherein shops or **laboratories** are conducted providing instructional or experimental programs involving:

- 1) Hot solids, liquids, or molten metals;
- 2) Milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, or stamping of any solid materials;
- 3) Heat treatment, tempering, or kiln firing of any metal or other materials;
- 4) Gas or electric arc welding;
- 5) Repair or servicing of any vehicle; or
- 6) **Caustic or explosive chemicals or materials,**

shall provide for and require that every student and teacher wear industrial-quality eye protective devices at all times while participating in any such program. These industrial-quality eye protective devices shall be furnished free of charge to the student and teacher. (1969, c. 1050, s. 1; 1981, c. 423, s. 1.)

## **§ 115C-167. Visitors to wear eye safety devices.**

Visitors to such shops and laboratories shall be furnished with and required to wear such eye safety devices while such programs are in progress. (1969, c. 1050, s. 2; 1981, c. 423, s. 1.)

## **§ 115C-168. “Industrial-quality eye protective devices” defined.**

“Industrial-quality eye protective devices,” as used in G.S. 115C-166, means devices meeting the standards of the U.S.A. Standard Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection, Z 87.1-1968 approved by the U.S.A. Standards Institute, Inc. The faceplate shall bear the manufacturers trademark, while the frame shall bear the trademark plus a Z87 logo (if manufactured after 1979).



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