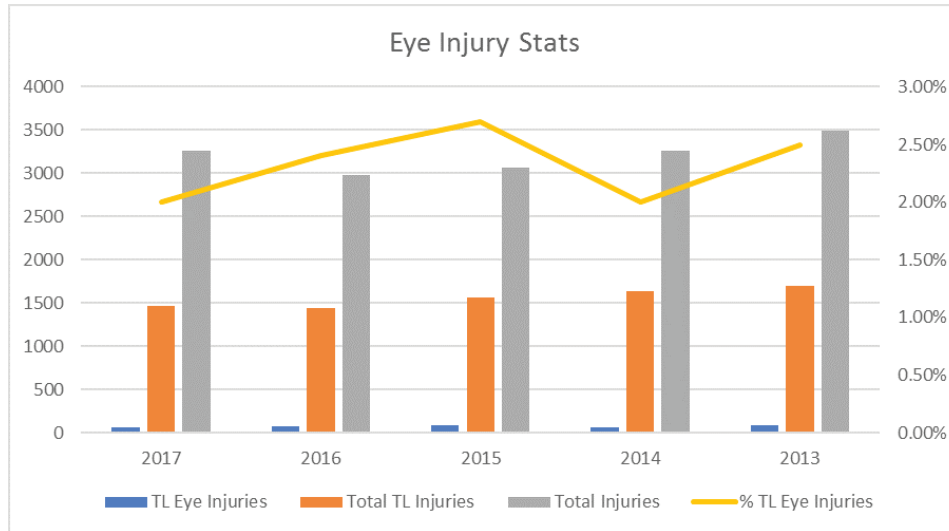


## Eye Incident Statistics - May 2018 - SAFE Work Compass Report

SAFE Work Compass is an online, interactive database that contains statistics, resources, and predicts industry trends in real time. To recognize Vision Health Month, our team at the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba pulled Eye Injury statistics from years 2013 - 2017 and determined the following:



- Generally, time loss eye injuries make up 2% of all construction workplace injuries reported to WCB.
- In 2017, there were 65 reported Time Loss Eye Injuries - 23 less in comparison to 2013, which was a peak year for eye injuries.
- In 2017, 2% of all reported Time Loss Claims were eye injuries; the number of time loss claims for eye incidents has reduced by 0.5% since 2013.
- Industry rate codes **40203, Electrical Contracting**, and **40204, Plumbing, Insulating and Mechanical**, continue to have a higher percentage of time-loss eye injuries.

\*The following statistics were pulled from SAFE Work Compass on May 9, 2018.

The month of May is **Vision Health Month** and the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba wants you to take proactive measures to prevent eye injuries in the workplace by properly identifying, communicating and controlling the hazards and offering your workers benefits that cover eye exams / proper PPE.

Construction workers have one of the highest eye injury rates due to particles of dust, metal, wood, slag, drywall and cement that are statistically the most common sources of eye injuries. Even "minor" eye injuries can cause life-long vision problems, if not treated immediately. A simple scratch can cause corneal erosion that is recurrently painful.

Maintaining good vision health is not hard – 75% of vision loss can be averted simply by equipping your workers with the proper PPE and encouraging them to go for an eye exam.

Our Toolbox Talk about Eye Protection (on pages 6-8 of this edition of CSAM News) highlights the different types of eye protection PPE to best suit you and your line of work. We encourage you to view our full library of Toolbox Talks and use them to identify and communicate the hazards in your workplace - simply visit <http://www.constructionsafety.ca/resources/downloads/>.

We also want you to know that our team of Safety Advisors are available to conduct a Toolbox Talk for your workplace. To learn more about this service, contact us at [safety@constructionsafety.ca](mailto:safety@constructionsafety.ca).

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### COMPASS CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

**ALL - All Injuries** - Total injuries and illnesses that arise from work related activity or exposure; includes both time loss and no time loss injuries and illnesses that are accepted by the WCB.

**TL - Time Loss Injuries** - A subset of All Injuries for which payments have been made due to time missed from work beyond the day of the workplace injury. Includes injuries where a worker receives compensation for a permanent disability with or without any time lost in his or her employment (for example, if a worker is compensated for a loss of hearing resulting from excessive noise in the work place). Fatalities are classified as Time Loss injuries.