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Cho bạn nào đeo Contact Lenses được biết bản tin nguyên-văn như sau:

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IMPORTANT SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN

We would appreciate your calling the following hazard to the attention of all your people immediately.

TWO RECENT INCIDENTS HAVE UNCOVERED A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN PHENOMENON OF SERIOUS GRAVITY.

At Dequeane Electric a worker threw an electrical switch into closed position which produced a shortlived sparking.

An employee at UPS flipped open the colored lense of his welding goggles to better position the welding rod. He inadvertently struck the metal to be welded, producing an arc.

BOTH MEN WERE WEARING CONTACT LENSES. on returning home from work, they removed the contacts AND THE CORNEA OF THE EYE WAS REMOVED along with the lenses.

Result: PERMANENT BLINDNESS!!!

The electric arc generates microwaves that instantly dry up the fluid between the eye and the lense, causing the cornea to be bonded to the lense. This trauma is painless and the operator never knows an injury has occurred until removing the contacts.

As this phenomenon was unknown, no Federal or State safety and health agency has regulations on this matter but they are pursuing the investigation zealously and will respond according to findings.

In the meantime, until such regulations are established or until this matter can be brought before your safety committee, it is suggested that no contact lense be worn by anyone who is potentially subject to an electrical sparking situation.

Bản tin này đã được chuyển tay tại các công-trường quanh thị-xã New Orleans ngày May-12-83. Không biết phát-xuất từ đâu, dầu đúng hay không, cũng nên phổ-biến để đề-phòng vẫn tốt hơn.

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