

Health and safety managers understand the wide range of risks welders are exposed to on a daily basis, from toxic fumes and gases to electric shock. However, an equally important risk to understand and guard against is eye injury. Welders who are exposed to bright flashes from surrounding welding

arcs without proper protection are, at all times, at risk for serious eye damage such as arc eye and other permanent conditions. To maximize protection, it's important to look for solutions that provide protection from all hazards presented — the ones you can see, and the ones you can't.

KNOWING **THE RISK**

Welders are not only at risk for numerous respiratory hazards, including heavy metal poisoning, lung cancer, metal fume fever and kidney damage, but also potential eye damage when exposed to surrounding flash. Eye injuries alone account for 25% of all welding injuries.1

5 MILLION

workers are required to wear a respirator, yet respirator protection is cited as a top OSHA violation.2

3,500

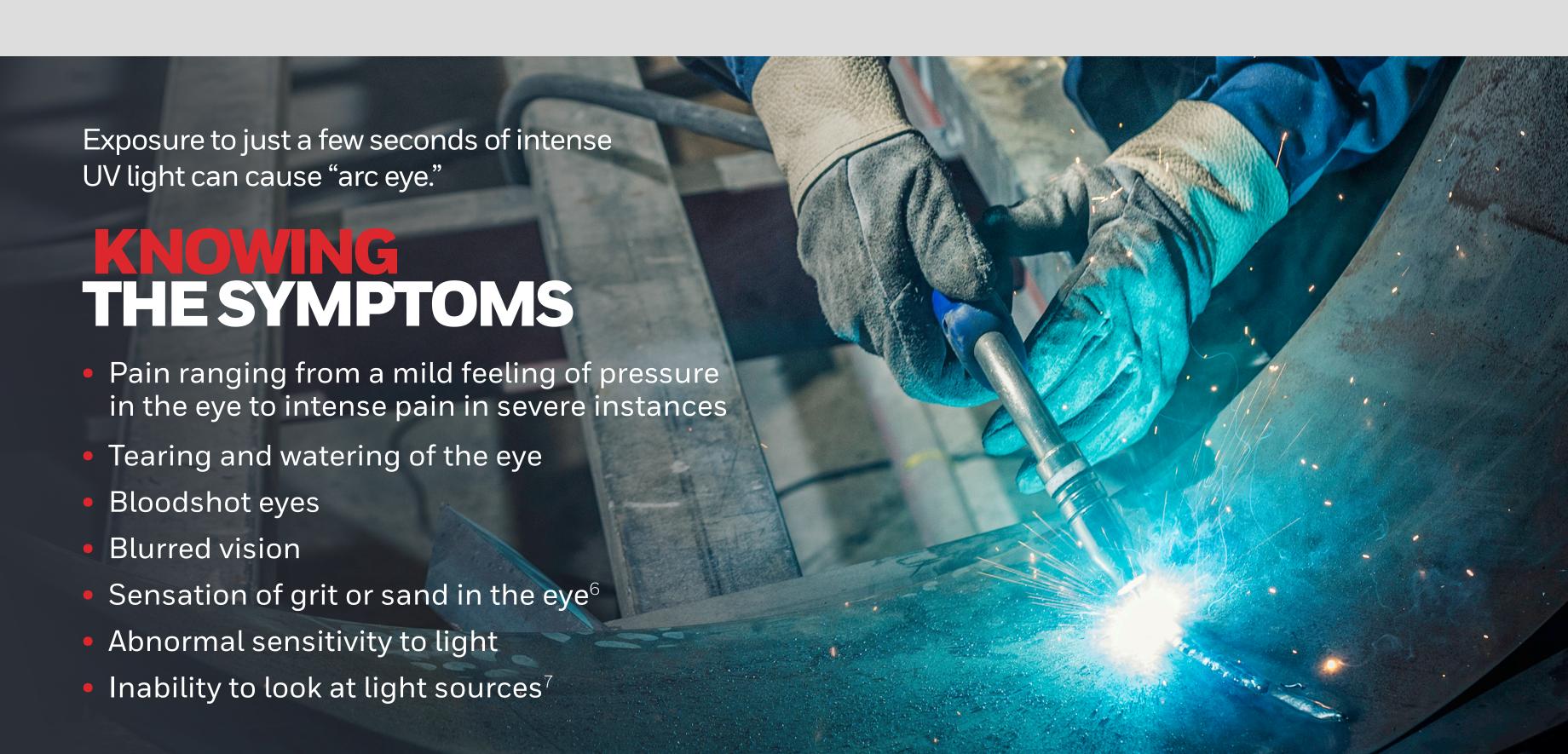
incidents occur every year as a result of insufficient welding protection.3

5.6%

of all construction injuries are the result of welders' flash.4

562,000

workers are exposed to chemical and physical hazards because of welding.5



WAYS TO PROTECT AGAINST ARC FLASH INJURIES

Isolating the workplace with curtains can absorb radiation, and protect workers surrounding the welder.

Wearing appropriate eye protection, clothing and gloves is essential for protecting against UV radiation.

Covering any highly reflective surfaces ensures that bright lights from welding tasks are not reflected toward others in the room.

When experiencing flash burn, it's important to seek immediate medical treatment to avoid infection.



For more information about Honeywell respiratory protection, please visit industrialsafety.honeywell.com

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