

Eye Injuries (Adult and Pediatric)**CFR AND ALL PROVIDER LEVELS**

1. ABCs and vital signs.
2. Airway management, and appropriate oxygen therapy.
3. **DO NOT** apply pressure to the globe of the eye.
4. Bandage both eyes loosely.
5. **Special Considerations:**
 - a. **Non-penetrating Foreign Object / Chemical Eye Injury:**
 - i. Immediately and continuously flush the affected eye(s) with Normal Saline (0.9% NS) for a minimum of 20 minutes.
 - b. **Impaled Object:**
 - i. Stabilize (or limit movement of) any object lodged in the eye, and cover both eyes to prevent consensual movement.
 - c. **Avulsed Eye:**
 - i. **DO NOT** attempt to replace the eye back into the socket.
 - ii. Wrap the eye with saline-moistened, sterile dressings.
 - iii. Stabilize this with a paper cup or similar object.

● CFR STOP**EMT**

6. Remove contact lens(es), if possible.
7. **Special Considerations:**
 - a. **Non-penetrating Foreign Object:**
 - i. Continue flushing the affected eye(s) enroute to the hospital.
8. Transport.

● EMT STOP**Paramedic**

9. **Special Considerations:**
 - a. **Non-penetrating Foreign Object / Chemical Eye Injury (Adult and Pediatric):**
 - i. If the patient is agitated or unable to hold eyelid open; instill one of the following treatments. 1-2 gtts per eye, topically, into the affected eye(s) to facilitate irrigation. 1-2 gtts per eye, topically, into the affected eye(s) may be repeated once if needed:
 1. Proparacaine HCl 0.5% solution.
 2. Tetracaine HCl 0.5% solution.

● Paramedic STOP