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📁 Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the ER. (Read 757 times)	
👤 Allen Reynolds	📄 Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the ER. Jan 10 th , 2012, 3:03pm
Can we PLEASE go hunting for iron?	DUMb mistake on my part. Please dont make the same one. I didnt put my goggles on because I was "just going to quickly add one pan to my lye tub." I eased it in fine and was about to shut the lid and it settled with the other pans inside causing it to "plop" and a splash came straight up and into my face hitting me in both eyes. I didn't rub them even though it burrned. instead kept my eyes open, ran to my sink immediately begain putting hands full of water in my eyes. I keep an emergency eye wash kit in a known place where I can feel and find it. I took it and used it for about 10 more minutes then went immediately to the Emergency room.(I work at the same hospital)
Posts: 360	I can only describe what happened for the next 2 1/2 hours as being a battlefield terrorist at Guantonimo bay(SP?). Pure hell and water torture, but absolutely neccessary. 6 liters of water squirted at fairly good force directly into each eye whle a tech and an RN held my eyes open. It took about 5 minutes per bottle. lying on my back lots of it ran down my nostrils giving me a drowning feeling. After the 12 liters of squirting I was lying in water, soaked, as was the bed.
	Then came phase two. Some torture device they refered to as a "morgan Lens". It is a half spherical shaped plastic cup they stuck over my eye ball with a catheter like tube coming out of the center and up to an IV bag. I cant begin to describe how "uncomfortable" the process of installing these things was. They ought to ditch the waterboarding down in cuba and switch to putting in Morgan lenses. They would tell us anything we want to know. Anywho...another 6 liters in IV's each had to drip through the catheter and the lenses till finished About an 1 1/2 hours while these things were stuck to my eyes and I had the uncontrollable urge to snatch them out the whole time. In between all these steps they were sticking a paper strip to my bare burned eyeball to check the PH. I learned that Lye is a base, not an acid. which is worse because it settles between the skin Layers and will come back or eat perforations through the eye itself.
	That great deal I got on that last find was just deminished by an ER visit bill.
	I was very lucky in this case thanks to my immediate actions after the fact, a great ER staff that had dealt with this issue before and the man upstairs. I have another followup appt this friday with the eye doc, but things are looking good at this point in time.
	Moral of the story....WEAR GOGGLES when fooling with lye no matter how simple the task. Have them on before the lid comes off the tank. If you have to... leave them on the top of the tank so you will have to pick them up first.
👤 Randy Eckstein WAGS member ★★★★★	📄 Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the Reply #1 - Jan 10 th , 2012, 3:17pm
WAGS: Heartbeat of Cast Iron Cookware Collecting	OUCH 😞 Sorry you had to go through all that. I was just moving gem pans around today in my lye bath and have to admit I've been a bit careless lately. Hopefully no permanent damage and you're cleaning again soon.
Posts: 2144	
👤 Roger Barfield Forum Administrator WAGS member ★★★★★	📄 Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the Reply #2 - Jan 10 th , 2012, 3:38pm
	Sorry to hear that Allen. Eye protection is always a must with lye. Hope everything is ok and no further problems.
Posts: 7399	
👤 Dan Hudnell	📄 Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the Reply #3 - Jan 10 th , 2012, 3:54pm
WAGS: Heartbeat of Cast Iron Cookware Collecting	Man, that's scary! Sorry you had to endure that torture. Hope your eyes are alright.
Posts: 129	
👤 Allen Reynolds	📄 Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the Reply #4 - Jan 10 th , 2012, 4:11pm
Can we PLEASE go hunting for iron?	Eyes seem fine at this point taking steroidal drops till friday to cut down on inflammation and bloodshot. no vision or cornea issues. VERY lucky. (and blessed). Good thing God watches over "challenged" people. 😊
Posts: 360	
👤 Dan Hudnell	📄 Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the Reply #5 - Jan 10 th , 2012, 4:30pm
WAGS: Heartbeat of Cast Iron Cookware Collecting	Yes, you are lucky and blessed. I will admit that I have - foolishly - never worn goggles while putting pieces in lye. However, after reading about your ordeal, you better believe I will wear them from now on.
Posts: 129	
👤 Mike Nowik WAGS member ★★★★★	📄 Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the Reply #6 - Jan 10 th , 2012, 5:03pm

<div>WAGS: Heartbeat of Cast Iron Cookware Collecting</div> <div>Posts: 188</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Claudia Killebrew</div><div>WAGS member</div><div>★★★★★</div></div></div></div> <div>WAGS: Heartbeat of Cast Iron Cookware Collecting</div> <div>Posts: 1600</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Jeff Parsons</div><div>WAGS member</div><div>★★★★★</div></div></div></div> <div>WAGS: Heartbeat of Cast Iron Cookware Collecting</div> <div>Posts: 285</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Rick Gilley</div><div>WAGS member</div><div>★★★★★</div></div></div></div> <div>Posts: 3649</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Suzie Phillips</div><div>WAGS member</div><div>★★★★★</div></div></div></div> <div>Posts: 106</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Andrew Brown</div></div></div></div> <div>Posts: 117</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Bob Henrick</div><div>WAGS member</div><div>★★★★★</div></div></div></div> <div>Posts: 998</div> <div><div><div><div>🚫</div><div>Allen Reynolds</div></div></div></div> <div>Can we PLEASE go hunting for iron?</div> <div>Posts: 360</div>	<div>Thanks for the reminder Allen. I've been getting careless about putting my pieces in the lye bath lately, saying to myself that I'll put the iron in "just this once" without my goggles. I'm glad to hear that you'll be okay.</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #7 - Jan 10th, 2012, 5:23pm</div></div></div></div> <div>Ow, ow, ow, ow! Boy, did you get lucky. Very smart of you to have that eye wash kit where you could find it by touch. You didn't say, though, how did you get to the hospital? Did you call 911 or did someone drive you?</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #8 - Jan 10th, 2012, 8:29pm</div></div></div></div> <div>I'm in the glass business, and so I'm exposed to the possibility of a glass shard hitting me in the eye. I wear glasses and a hat basically all the time to minimize that possibility. That also reduces the chance of a direct splash of lye. My lye tank is outside. I allways have a turned-on hose with pistol grip set on spray next to the lye tank, before I take the top off of the lye tank. I'm about 3 seconds away from being able to flush my eyes any time the top is off the lye tank.</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #9 - Jan 10th, 2012, 8:33pm</div></div></div></div> <div>Allen....glad you got medical attention in time and thanks for a vivid reminder how important it is to be careful handling lye.</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #10 - Jan 10th, 2012, 9:44pm</div></div></div></div> <div>So glad you didn't panic and were able to maintain the presence of mind to act fast Allen. I know it was a horrible most uncomfortable experience but hopefully you are on your way to a full recovery. It could have been so much worst as I'm sure you know. Your incident has changed me- I'll definitely keep eye protection close by from this day forth! Glad you're ok~!</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #11 - Jan 10th, 2012, 10:39pm</div></div></div></div> <div>Sorry to hear about that, hope you get better soon.</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #12 - Jan 11th, 2012, 10:17am</div></div></div></div> <div>Allen, I am new to this CI stuff, and have not even yet set up a lye bath. But your experience has absolutely made a lasting impression on me. I will definitely have a face shield on before I ever do ANYTHING regarding lye. wear glasses so unless I got prescription goggles they wouldn't work for me. I might though check into that possibility. So while I am sorry that the accident happened to you, and am happy that you had the presence of mind to take the first steps that you took. Also it sounds as if all is going to be ok for you. I guess this is proof of the old saying about clouds with silver linings.</div> <div><div><div><div></div><div>Re: Please be carefull folks. Just got out of the</div><div>Reply #13 - Jan 11th, 2012, 12:13pm</div></div></div></div> <div>Claudia, You asked how I got to the ER. Thanks to the preliminary flushing I was able to drive myself. If it were not for that would have had to call 911 (not sure how I would have accomplished that). I'm single, so no one was around when it happened.</div> <div>Jeffs idea of a running water hose standing by is an excellent suggestion also. I had to make it back inside through my overcrowded garage to the kitchen sink for the initial flush before getting to the eye kit. These kits are available at any drug store or walmart and are very cheap to have on hand considering the risk not only from lye but other objects such as lawn mower debri getting in there. That was a situation I had before which prompted me keeping one on hand. It flushed it right out.</div> <div>Looks like folks read my post and it drew attention to the possibilities.That was my intention so hopefully it wouldt happen to anyone on here. Thanks for all the concern and well wishes. Great people here.</div>
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