

RiskWatch Bulletin



2017 SOLAR ECLIPSE

On August 21st there will be a rare solar eclipse that many will want to witness. While it will be a total solar eclipse in certain parts of the country, in Utah there will be a sliver of sun for the duration. Looking directly at the sun, even momentarily when it is partially eclipsed, is extremely dangerous and can lead to serious injury. Any schools planning to take their classes out to view the eclipse must provide appropriate protective eye-wear for all participants.

We recognize the challenge to ensure children use protective eye-wear appropriately. Therefore, we recommend that schools do not take on the additional liability of inviting families and others to participate.

Teachers and volunteers who observe the eclipse must also have the proper safety equipment. Please see NASA's website below for further information on how to view the eclipse safely:

<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>

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