

SAFETY CORNER

REMOVING a Broken Lightbulb

You need to replace a shattered lightbulb. All that's left of it are shards of glass and the inside filaments — now what? Follow these steps to stay safe:

- 1. GATHER** heavy-duty gloves, needle-nose pliers and eye protection.
- 2. PUT** on eye protection and heavy gloves.
- 3. MAKE** sure the light is turned off and to avoid electrical shock, turn off the power to the light at the breaker.
- 4. IF** the filament is still undamaged, use needle-nose pliers to hold the filament base and gently twist counter-clockwise. If the filament is broken, then use the pliers to grip the bulb base and twist it. **Tip:** You can also use a raw potato to remove a broken bulb. Simply, cut the potato in half, press the half against the socket and twist counter-clockwise.

