



Policy

- OSU policy and OSHA State safety requirements require that appropriate eye protection be provided to and worn by employees whose jobs expose them to eye hazards.
- Minimum acceptable form of eye protection is **safety glasses** that meet ANSI standard Z87.1, "Practice for Occupational and Educational Eye and Face Protection"
- Normal prescription glasses do not provide adequate protection from injury to the eyes and do not meet ANSI eye protection specifications
- A **prescription safety glasses program** has been established and is coordinated by Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S).
- As with other personnel protective equipment, prescription safety glasses are considered a reasonable departmental expense.

Program Specifics

1. Employee completes a [Prescription Safety Glasses Authorization Form](#).
 - Form requires departmental index number
 - Supervisor's approval signature acknowledges prescription safety glasses are a requirement of the employee's job and their purchase is approved by the department
2. Employee takes completed authorization form and a current prescription to the selected eyeglass vendor for frame selection and fitting
 - Eye examinations which may be necessary to obtain the current prescription are at the employee's expense
3. Vendor will notify the employee when the glasses are ready
4. Employee returns to the vendor for final fitting and delivery of the prescription safety glasses

The current preferred prescription safety eyeglass vendor is **Valley Eye Care, 1505 NW Harrison Blvd., Corvallis; 541-754-6222**. If you prefer a different vendor, check with EH&S to see whether they are able to provide your glasses.

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