







Eye injuries affect about 2.5 million people every year. Below are tips for preventing injury to your eyes.

## EYE SAFETY TIPS

You can protect your eyes from injury at home by following these tips:

- Make sure the edges of furnishing and fixtures have no sharp edges.
- Install lights and handrails to improve safety on stairs.
- Be careful when opening carbonated drinks.
- Wear chemical safety goggles when using hazardous solvents and detergents. Don't mix cleaning agents.
- Turn nozzles away from your face before spraying.
- Wash your hands after using chemicals.
- Use guards on all power equipment.
- Wear protective eye gear while using lawn equipment, because debris may fly through the air.
- Wear sunglasses that protect your eyes from UVA and UVB rays when you are outside. Wear them even on cloudy days.
- Never look directly at the sun, including during an eclipse.

## WHEN TO SEE A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER

Go to an eye healthcare provider if you have any signs of eye problems. These may include:

- Redness
- Swelling
- Excess tears
- Tired, aching, or heavy eyelids
- Eye pain
- Problems with focusing
- Muscle spasms of the eye or eyelid
- Frequent headaches

Seek medical care right away for any eye injury. Do not try to treat eye injuries on your own.