

## OCCUPATIONAL VISION PLAN: SPECIAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT



Good news! Your employer belongs to the B.C. Association of Optometrists' Occupational Vision Plan (OVP). This plan is one of the most important benefits your company provides to you. According to Worksafe BC, in the past few years there have been more than 10,000 eye injury claims to workers in B.C., causing disability, loss of income and hardship on families.

### EYE SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL.

There are many occupational hazards in your direct or surrounding environment that could threaten your eyes and damage your vision. Flying dust, wind and other particles could get into your eyes. Molten matter can give off heat and sparks. Acid splash, chemical burns and abrasive blasting materials can also cause serious harm. Glare and stray light are other potential dangers. The fact is if you're not wearing proper safety glasses, you could lose your sight.

### EYE HEALTH IS ESSENTIAL.

While accidents can rob you of your vision, so can poor eye health. And some eye problems don't have any symptoms. That's why it is important to get regular check ups – at least once every two years if you're between the ages of 19 and 64. Your OVP optometrist can provide a detailed evaluation of your vision and eye health. We are here to ensure your eyes are protected today, and we'll help you keep them healthy for a lifetime.



### CALL YOUR OPTOMETRIST TODAY.

We're here to help you get the protection you need. We'll help you find the best eyewear for your line of work. OVP eye doctors can correctly fit protective eyewear to give you long-term comfort and reliability. We provide leading eye-safety wear that meets Worksafe BC and CSA requirements.

### 3 EASY STEPS TO EYE SAFETY:

1. Request an OVP authorization form from your supervisor, safety officer or HR department. Your company may cover all or most of the costs.
2. Choose an OVP optometrist at [www.ovp.bc.ca](http://www.ovp.bc.ca) or call 1-866-687-2226. OVP optometrists are located in more than 85 communities across B.C.
3. Make an appointment. If you already have a valid eyewear prescription\*, bring it along.

\*A valid prescription is one signed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and is dated within the last two years.

### DON'T BECOME ANOTHER STATISTIC.

Optometrists are the experts in eye health and safety. Trust your eyes to an OVP Optometrist. For questions related to your OVP, see your company safety coordinator or HR department.

**For more information, please visit  
[www.ovp.bc.ca](http://www.ovp.bc.ca).**

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