

Chapter 5

OCCUPATIONAL VISION PROGRAM

5-1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes responsibilities, policy and procedures for implementing the Occupational Vision Program at Tobyhanna Army Depot. This includes the procurement, repair, issue, and use of eye protection for depot personnel and visitors present in designated eye-hazardous areas or performing eye-hazardous duties.

5-2. Objectives. The objectives of the Occupational Vision Program are to provide adequate visual protection for personnel whose duties are of an eye-hazardous nature and whose duties are performed in areas which are designated as eye-hazardous.

5-3. References.

- a. AR 40-5, Preventative Medicine.
- b. AR 385-32, Protective Clothing and Equipment.
- c. TB MED 506, Occupational Vision Guide, U.S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.
- d. ANSI Standard Z87.1989, Vision Protection

5-4. Responsibilities.

- a. Safety Office:
 - (1) Shall be responsible for implementing and managing the Occupational Vision Program.
 - (2) Assist the U.S. Army Health Clinic and Industrial Hygiene personnel, in the surveying areas and operations to identify eye-hazardous jobs and processes involving physical hazards such as flying objects or high-pressure air.
 - (3) Perform periodic surveys of work areas to ensure that personnel are wearing eye protection, as required.
- b. U.S. Army Health Clinic will:
 - (1) Provide refractions for corrective lenses to civilian employees exposed to eye hazards while in the performance of their normal daily operations.
 - (2) Conduct vision and eye screening examinations. Provide authorized personnel in need of further professional eye care to the government (MTF) or contract an appropriate facility to complete testing and refractions.
 - (3) Perform work site visits to identify eye-hazardous occupations and processes.
 - (4) Conduct education sessions, in conjunction with Safety, Industrial Hygiene, and supervisors, to instruct personnel in the proper

use and care of protective eyewear.

c. Directorate of Contracting will:

(1) Negotiate contracts for the purchase of prescription and non-stock listed non-prescription industrial safety eye wear and for the spectacle maintenance service when necessary.

(2) Appoint a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

d. Directors shall ensure that supervisory personnel enforce regulations requiring the wearing of eye protection by personnel in eye hazard area, and take appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action when safety violations occur.

e. The COR will:

(1) Perform duties as assigned by the Director of Contracting.

(2) Act as the Safety Eyeglass Coordinator for the Safety Office.

(3) Assist the Health Clinic to coordinate visits with the Eyeglass Contractor.

(4) Review Safety Prescription Eyeglass Questionnaires, AMSEL-TY Form 170-R-E, (see Appendix G), special orders, request for repairs or replacements prior to the pre-fit with the contractor.

(5) Schedule employee appointments with the contractor for pre-fitting, post-fitting, and adjustments. Notify the employees of these appointments.

f. Supervisors will:

(1) Ensure eye hazard areas are properly posted.

(2) Enforce the wearing of safety eyeglasses for eye hazardous operations and areas and initiate disciplinary actions for employees that refuse or fail to comply with these

requirements.

(3) When employees need safety eyeglasses, complete form AMSEL-TY Form 170-R-E and forward to the Safety Eyeglass COR for processing.

(4) Provide employees with training and documentation about eye protection and personal protective equipment requirements, this must include proper use, care, and maintenance.

g. Employees will:

(1) Wear only approved eye protection, identified with the marking ANSI Z.87 on the frames, when working in an eye hazard area.

(2) Notify their supervisor when the need for new, repair, or replacement of prescription and non-prescription eye wear.

(3) Address problems and complaints concerning safety eyewear to the Safety Office for resolution.

5-5. Provisions of Procurement and Issue.

a. Non-prescription safety glasses may be obtained through the tool crib.

b. Employees neither possessing nor requiring corrective lenses, which perform eye-hazardous work, or work in posted eye hazardous areas, will be issued non-prescription safety glasses, or approved goggles.

c. Any person entering a posted eye-hazardous area or area where eye-hazardous work is being performed shall wear safety eye protection while in that area. If the individual does not have safety glasses, the supervisor of this area will provide protective safety eyewear for temporary use. Safety eyewear can be worn over personal corrective prescription glasses.

(1) Employees needing new corrective lenses will be referred to a contractor doctor for a new prescription. If the employee wishes to see their personal eye doctor, it will be at their own expense. The employee needs to take a DD Form 771, Safety Eyewear Prescription, for their eye doctor to complete.

(2) If an employee has lost their safety glasses and the prescription is less than 1 year old, the employee is responsible for replacing the glasses. If the prescription is more than 1 year old, the employee can have their supervisor complete a AMSEL-TY Form 170 and forward it to the COR for further review. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

(3) Broken safety glasses will be inspected by the contractor to determine if they will be repaired or replaced.

(4) Current frames will be used when replacing lenses.

(5) All safety glasses and goggles issued will have permanently attached top and side shields. All frames and lenses shall meet ANSI Standard Z87.1-1989.

(6) Employees must turn in old safety eyeglasses when picking up new safety eyeglasses.

(7) Photochromatic lenses will not be authorized for employees, for other than medical requirements. The Safety Office must authorize all employees request for photochromatic or tinted safety lenses.