

WELCOME TO SEATTLE VISION CLINIC CONTACT LENS DEPARTMENT

In 1994, The Vision Care Consumer Assistance Act passed in the State of Washington. This changed the rules governing the prescribing of contact lenses. We have prepared this notice to help clarify these rules for you.

Shortly, you will be seeing a practitioner who will perform an evaluation for contact lenses. These tests are not part of your routine eye examination. Most insurance companies do not cover the costs of contact lens services or may cover only a portion of these costs. In order to evaluate the effects of wearing contact lenses on your eye health, tests must be completed to prescribe contact lenses. Please wear your contact lenses to your follow-up appointment.

If you choose to have your contact lenses prescribed elsewhere, you will receive a copy Of your glasses prescription stating "OK for Contact Lenses". You may take this prescription to have your contact lenses fitted and evaluated. This is a requirement of the 1994 Vision Care Consumer Assistance Act. A contact lens prescription does not exist until you have seen a practitioner for a follow-up visit with the prescribed contacts on and the practitioner deems the fitting complete (*Washington State Law RCW 181.95*). Federal regulations regarding contact lens prescribing also apply.

The cost of the contact lens materials is not included in the contact lens evaluation. In the event that the lenses are unsuccessful, the fees for the fitting and/or follow-up evaluations are not refundable. Custom made lenses cannot be returned for a refund.

I have read the above policies and statements regarding the evaluation/fitting for contact lenses.

_____ Date: _____
Signature of Patient or Representative if patient is less than 18 years old

Patient's name (please print)