

LASER EXPOSURE

It is extremely important that an individual with actual or suspected eye exposure to class 3b or 4 laser beams (or their reflections) obtain immediate medical attention and promptly report the event. The length of time between exposure and treatment can often impact the outcome and shortening that time reduces the chance of long-term effects.

If you have had or suspect this type of beam exposure, call Yale Health's Employee Health Department at Yale 203-432-7978 to obtain a referral for a Yale Health Ophthalmologist. If a Yale Health physician is unavailable, proceed directly to the Yale-New Haven Hospital emergency room. An eye exam will be performed and appropriate actions taken.

You should also report known or suspected eye injuries, or other accidents, as soon as possible to Environmental Health and Safety at 203-785-3555. After hours, call 911 from any Yale phone. Stay close to the phone and someone from Environmental Health and Safety will contact you shortly to gather additional information and advise you how to proceed. A laser safety specialist may arrive at the Yale Health Center or Yale-New Haven Hospital emergency room to discuss the accident.