

*Americans are living longer than ever before.  
On average, life expectancy in the  
United States is nearly 79 years,  
compared to 49 years a century ago.  
Age-related eye diseases pose a real threat  
to self-sufficiency and independence.*

*Did you know...*

- Half of all American will develop **cataracts** by age 80. About 20.5 million Americans age 40 and older have cataracts.
- Between 40 to 45 percent of Americans diagnosed with diabetes have some stage of **diabetic retinopathy**. Diabetics are more likely to develop glaucoma and cataracts than those without diabetes.
- More than 2 million Americans age 40 and older suffer from **glaucoma**. Nearly half do not realize that they have the disease.
- **Age-Related Macular Degeneration** (AMD) may account for up to 30 percent of all bilateral blindness among Caucasian Americans. AMD is a leading cause of blindness in people age 50 and older.

(Statistics taken from Prevent Blindness America and the National Eye Institute)

Vision screenings and professional eye examinations are recommended as part of a continuum of vision care for adults. Prevent Blindness America recommends adults have a dilated eye exam by an eye care professional on a regular basis.

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Prevent Blindness Wisconsin is a non-profit volunteer organization, founded in 1958, and affiliated with Prevent Blindness America. Our mission is to prevent blindness and to preserve sight in Wisconsin. We serve the state by promoting healthy vision and eye safety through eye screenings, information and referral services, and public and professional education.

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## Vision Resources & Services For Wisconsin Adults

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*Helping Prevent Blindness and  
Preserve Sight in Wisconsin!*

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## Professional Eye Care

Contact one of these organizations to find an eye care professional close to you:

**Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology**  
(847) 680-1666 | [www.midwesteyemd.org](http://www.midwesteyemd.org)

**Wisconsin Optometric Association**  
(800) 678-5357 | [www.woa-eyes.org](http://www.woa-eyes.org)

### How to find an Eye Doctor:

- Ask your family doctor for the name of a qualified eye care specialist.
- Contact your local ophthalmologist or optometric association.
- Ask family and friends for information about their eye doctor.

## Reduced-Cost Eye Glasses

Contact one of these organizations to see if you qualify for reduced or free eye glasses:

**EyeDeal Eyewear**  
(866) 221-6790  
[www.eyedealeyewear.com](http://www.eyedealeyewear.com)

**LensCrafters**  
(800) 522-LENS  
[www.lenscrafters.com](http://www.lenscrafters.com)

**Wisconsin Lions Club**  
(715) 341-2277  
[www.wisconsinlions.org](http://www.wisconsinlions.org)

**Wal-mart Optical**  
(800) WAL-MART  
[www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)

## Financial Assistance

Contact the following organizations to see if you qualify for reduced or free eye care:

**Community Care for the Elderly**  
(866) 992-6600 | [www.cco-cce.org](http://www.cco-cce.org)

**Eye Care America**  
(Glaucoma, Diabetes, Seniors)  
(800) 222-3937  
[www.eyecareamerica.org](http://www.eyecareamerica.org)

**Medical Assistance**  
(Medicaid, Title 19, and Badger Care)  
(800) 362-3002  
[www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid)

**Mission Cataract USA**  
(800) 343-7265

**New Eyes for the Needy**  
(973) 376-4903

**WisconCare**  
(608) 221-3815

## Educational Resources

Contact these agencies for more information about eye care:

**Don't Lose Sight (AMD)**  
[www.dontlosetlight.org](http://www.dontlosetlight.org)

**Prevent Blindness Wisconsin**  
(414) 765-0505  
[www.preventblindness.org/wi](http://www.preventblindness.org/wi)

**Wisconsin Health Agencies**  
<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/LocalHealth>

## Support & Services

The agencies listed below provide information and support for coping with eye problems:

**American Council of the Blind**  
(800) 424-8666 | [www.abc.org](http://www.abc.org)

**Badger Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired**  
(877) 258-9200 | [www.badgerassoc.org](http://www.badgerassoc.org)

**National Federation of the Blind of WI**  
(608) 758-4800 | [www.nfb.org](http://www.nfb.org)

**Wisconsin Council of the Blind**  
(800) 783-5213 | [www.wcblind.org](http://www.wcblind.org)

**WI Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**  
(800) 442-3477  
[www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr](http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dvr)

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## Adult Advocacy Agencies

**AARP**  
(888) 687-2277 | [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)

**Medicare**  
(800) 944-0051 | [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care (Medigap)**  
(800) 242-1060  
[www.longtermcare.state.wi.us](http://www.longtermcare.state.wi.us)

**Veterans Administration**  
(800) 827-1000

**Social Security Administration**  
(800) 722-1213 | [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)