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## Introduction

Significant eye injuries to patients have been reported in the literature, to national regulatory bodies and in anecdotal reports associated with laser or intense light sources (ILSs) when used in the vicinity of the eye (see [Annex A](#)). Such injuries include pupillary distortion, temporary and permanent vision impairment, temporary photophobia and eye pain, ocular fatigue and retinal damage. Many of the reports appear to be associated with a lack of knowledge and understanding by users, and a lack of administrative controls.

Eye protectors are available for patients undergoing procedures involving laser sources or ILS. Some guidance with respect to such eye protectors is given in this document.

This document could be helpful for the responsible person during the process of assessing risks related to eye safety of patients/clients. It may be consulted when setting up a protocol for the purpose of providing safe working conditions and procedures. For further information, see also IEC/TR 60825-8, IEC/TR 60825-14, IEC/TR 62471-3 and ISO 12609-2.

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# Patient and client eye protectors for use during laser or intense light source (ILS) procedures — Guidance

## 1 Scope

This document gives guidelines for and provides information to employers, users and safety advisors on the selection and use of patient eye protectors (PEPs) for lasers and intense light source (ILS) equipment used for medical and cosmetic applications.

This document does not apply to the eye protection of laser/ILS operators or users of the equipment. It also does not apply to PEPs for use with tanning equipment or ophthalmic instruments, either for the user/operator or the patient/client.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### Class 1C laser product

laser product that is designed explicitly for contact application to the skin or non-ocular tissue and where:

- during operation, ocular hazard is prevented by engineering means, i.e. the accessible emission is stopped or reduced to below the accessible emission limit (AEL) of Class 1 when the laser/applicator is removed from contact with the skin or non-ocular tissue;
- during operation and when in contact with skin or non-ocular tissue, irradiance or radiant exposure levels exceed the skin MPE (3.7) as necessary for the intended treatment procedure;
- the laser product complies with applicable vertical standards.

Note 1 to entry: Lasers used in contact mode on the skin that incorporate safety means to ensure that good contact is provided when the laser is emitting and that hazardous leakage radiation is inhibited, as specified in a vertical safety standard, can be classified laser Class 1C.

[SOURCE: IEC 60825-1:2014, 3.19, modified — The three notes (which discussed the classification scheme and tests) have been replaced by a single Note 1 to entry.]

### 3.2

#### exposure limit

##### EL

level of exposure to the eye or skin that is not expected to result in adverse biological effects

[SOURCE: IEC 62471:2006, 3.8]