

University of Manchester School of Chemistry

Procedures and Methods Sheet: 024 Obtaining Prescription Spectacles in Chemistry

Prescription spectacles can be obtained through either an external source (Boots) or internal University source (Carys Bannister Building; only available in term time). You may choose either route.

If you are working in a laboratory you are entitled to prescription safety glasses free of charge. The H&S budget will pay for members of staff and PhD students are paid for by the research group.

The safety glasses should cover your full eye and have no significant gaps. Normal glasses with side guards are not acceptable for chemistry labs.

Boots Opticians Route:

- 1) Collect the correct form from the Health & Safety office, G.029D.
- 2) Ring Boots and book an appointment. You can use any Boots opticians, which offers prescription spectacles service. The number for Manchester Market Street Boots is 0161 832 3823. Inform them it is for prescription safety spectacles as they will book a second appointment for the fitting of your safety spectacles.
- 3) If you have a recent prescription (within the last 6 months) you can take that along or if not you can choose to have a sight test at the time of your visit.
- 4) After your appointment, give the form back to the safety office. Boots should ring you within two weeks to pick up your safety spectacles.

Carys Bannister Route:

- 1) Carys Bannister building is number 88 on the campus map. Either call in at reception or ring 0161 306 3860 to book an appointment. These take ~ 2 hours as the examination and fitting is used for teaching purposes.
- 2) At your appointment you will receive an eye test followed by a fitting for your safety spectacles.

- 3) Fill in the form with the appropriate cost code (if staff please bring the form to the H&S office, G.029D). Return the form to Carys Bannister Vision Centre. They will call you when your prescription spectacles are ready.