

Comment #401

From: Red Bookie
Sent: Sunday, March 07, 2004 2:18 PM
To: CONTACTLENSRULE
Cc: 1800CONTACTS@1800contacts.com
Subject: Protect My Rights as a Contact Lens Wearer !!

Importance: High

Hello –

This is supposed to be a free country. It is important to me that it be as easy and convenient as possible for me to purchase my lenses from whomever I choose, whenever and wherever I want. My eye doctor tried to sell me his contacts and was embarrassed when I brought in a copy of the 1-800-contacts webpage showing they charge HALF of what he wanted to charge me – he wasn't happy that I was such a careful consumer.

Let us be free!

Jacqueline Sawyer

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-----Original Message-----

From: 1-800 CONTACTS [mailto:1800CONTACTS@1800contacts.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 11:03 PM
To: redbookie@pcisys.net
Subject: Protect Your Rights as a Contact Lens Wearer

<<https://order.1800contacts.com/adlink.csp?&ac=reolegal030404>>
<<http://www.1800contacts.com/email/legal/s.gif>>
<http://www.1800contacts.com/email/legal/Started_03.gif>
<http://www.1800contacts.com/email/legal/Started_04.gif>

Dear Jacqueline,

Last year, Congress passed the Fairness to Contact Lens Consumers Act of 2003. It says once your contact lens fitting is done, your eye doctor must give you a copy of your own prescription - whether you ask for it or not. If he or she doesn't provide you your prescription, it is now a violation of Federal law.

Your eye doctor can not charge you for a copy of your prescription. He or she can not make you sign a waiver. He or she can not make you buy lenses as a condition of receiving your prescription. You have no obligation to buy your contact lenses from your eye doctor.

* Will you actually get these rights? That depends. Unfortunately, some eye doctors are lobbying the Federal Trade Commission to limit your rights by making it less convenient for you to buy new lenses. Eyeglass wearers have had a right to copies of their prescriptions for years. Today, it is easy and convenient to buy eyeglasses. As a contact lens wearer, you deserve the same rights, and this new law will give them to you - if the Federal Trade Commission hears from consumers like you.

What can you do?

1. TELL THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION YOU SUPPORT THIS NEW LAW.

Please tell the Commission you support the new Contact Lens Law. They need to know you support the law or they will hear only the voices of those who want to limit your rights.

An e-mail from you means a lot. They want to hear from you. Your comments will be an important part of the public record that determines your rights as a contact lens consumer. Tell them why it is important to you that it be as easy and convenient as possible for you to purchase your lenses from whomever you choose. Relate your personal experiences in attempting to obtain a copy of your prescription from your eye doctor.

E-mail, or write the Federal Trade Commission.

E-mail: contactlensrule@ftc.gov

Mailing address: Contact Lens Rule, Project No. 411002,
The Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room 159-H (Annex A)
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20580

2. LET US KNOW. Let us know what action you took. We'll keep you informed as things develop.
We thought you would like to know about these developments affecting the way you can obtain your contact lenses.

The Team at 1-800 CONTACTS

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<<http://order.1800contacts.com/unsubscribe1.csp?DateSent=03/04/04&Email=&ac=reom>> .