

gram of community services, public and professional education, and research. The Society's industrial service program is guided by its Advisory Committee on Industrial Eye Health and Safety, comprised of experts in the fields of industry, education, medicine, nursing, and accident prevention.

Activities and programs of the department are

- Promotes and administers the Wise Owl Club of America, eye-safety incentive program, among industrial, military, municipal and educational organizations. Membership in the Club is restricted to those who save their vision from being damaged or destroyed by wearing proper eye-protection both on and off-the-job. Junior Wise Owl Club membership recognizes sight saved by children and teenagers through wearing safety glasses or other forms of protectors.
- Promotes state-wide eye safety for all school and college laboratory and shop students, and their teachers and visitors. Both voluntary and legislative means are used. Provides counseling to school administrators and teachers in establishing and implementing eye safety programs. Encourages amendments to state school eye safety laws which presently exclude compliance by private schools.
- Provides secretarial, counseling, and liaison services for the American National Standards Institute Z87 Committee, engaged in upgrading current eye and face protector code Z2.1. Participates as member of other American National Standards Institute studies dealing with topics related to illumination, vision, and eye protection.
- Promotes universal usage of nonflammable prescription and plano safety eyeglasses and sunglasses by the general public through voluntary and legislative means, and encourages cooperation by the eye care professions and the ophthalmic industry.
- Promotes periodic vision testing in industry and technical schools to determine visual defects and their relationship to visual requirements for various tasks and occupations. Provides counsel on improvement of visual working conditions through proper use of illumination and color.

- Provides exhibits on eye health and safety topics at industrial and educational meetings. Distributes literature and films on eye safety.

- Stimulates relationships with organizations, groups, and individuals with a related interest in sight conservation. Addresses industry, safety and educational meetings to project NSPB recommendations and program aims.

Standards and Specifications Groups

American National Standards Institute

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The American National Standards Institute coordinates and administers the federated voluntary standardization system in the United States, which provides all segments of the economy with national consensus standards required for their operations and for protection of the consumer and industrial worker. It also represents the nation in international standardization efforts through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).

ANSI is a federation of some 1000 national trade, technical, professional, labor, and consumer organizations, government agencies, and individual companies. It coordinates the standards development efforts of these groups and approves the standards they produce as American National Standards when its Board of Standards Review determines that a national consensus exists in their favor.

Many American National Standards, as well as other national consensus standards, have taken on additional importance since the passage of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. In promulgating standards under the act, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has stated a definite preference for basing its regulations on consensus standards that have proved their value and practicality by use.

Under ANSI procedures, the responsibility for the management of specific standards projects is divided according to subject matter and assigned to an ANSI Technical Advisory Board. Standards dealing with safety fall under the jurisdiction of either the Safety