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## Eye to Eye

# Lamp Changes Require Eye Protection!

By Brenda Fishbaugh

**H**ave you ever performed a sunlamp change in your salon without wearing eye protection? Former salon owner, Jason Corveleyn, did. In his own words: "I was troubleshooting a high-pressure bed that had several lamps out. For about 40 seconds, my naked eyes were exposed to the light from the high-pressure bulb without the lens over it. It was the equivalent of getting flashed by a welding torch. I didn't notice anything at the time but woke up at 2am with tears running down my face and incredible pain. I couldn't see anything! My wife rushed me to the hospital, and luckily, it was a mild burn. I was given drops which reduced the pain. My corneas were burned – lesson learned. Bed maintenance techs need to know that just because you don't feel damage happening, you can be burning your corneas!"

Bruce Hickman of Sun Tan Hut, in Rome, GA also shared his similar experience. "A few years ago, I learned the hard way about protecting my eyes during equipment maintenance. I was changing a lamp in our stand-up system and left the lamps on while I did so. It only took a couple of minutes to replace the lamp, and then I went about my day. Later that night, my eyes felt like there were needles in them – burning, watering and so painful, I couldn't close them to sleep. I had to sit in my living room all night in complete darkness because even the smallest amount of light caused severe pain. The next morning, I made my way to my optometrist for a good scolding and some unpleasant eye meds. I learned my lesson about the importance of wearing eye protection

for even the smallest maintenance job on any tanning unit."

Every distributor sells glasses created for protection during tanning equipment maintenance – they cost around \$10. The wrap-around style protects eyes from ambient light and easily fits any size face. For just \$10, you can pre-



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vent eye burns from happening during maintenance procedures. A pair should be kept under the front counter for staff members who need to check equipment when guests report lamps are out, as well as for routine lamp changes. In addition to blocking UV light, maintenance glasses also are safety glasses, which is important when handling lamps if one was to accidentally shatter.

Would you like to have a free pair of UV-blocking glasses? I am going to give a free pair to the first five salon operators who write Brenda@WinkEase.com with your reason why you should get a pair! Include your mailing address and use code: IST-UV Blockers. ■



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