

## Ways to Keep Your Eyes Safe and Healthy

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**T**he [UCSD Shiley Eye Center](#) is the destination for individuals throughout the world seeking the best practitioners in eye care. For more than 20 years the Shiley Eye Center ophthalmologists have been saving patients' sight.

May is Vision month and the physicians at the Shiley Eye Center offer these tips for healthy eyes:

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**For an appointment or for information, call (858) 534-4981.**

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