



Laser Pointer Warning

- Small battery powered laser pointers may just look like bright lights, but they can cause serious and permanent eye damage.
- Many laser pointers do not meet safety standards and can emit dangerous levels of visible and non-visible light.
- Laser pointers must have a clear hazard warning on the label, but this does not guarantee the description of the power is accurate.
- Recent tests have found that many laser pointers available on the Internet exceed the safe power limit of 1 milliwatt.
- Laser pointers that exceed the safe power limit are illegal to possess or use without a licence.
- Shining these laser pointers in a person's eye will cause permanent eye damage.
- People who have a legitimate occupational need for a laser pointer should ask the seller of their device to show evidence that the pointer emits less than 1 milliwatt.
- State and territory weapons legislation applies to laser pointers that emit more than 1 milliwatt.
- Customs import legislation requires import permits and end-use justification for laser pointers that emit more than 1 milliwatt.
- It is always safer to assume that any laser pointer can cause permanent eye damage.

Laser pointers are not toys and should not be given to children.