



Laser Pointer Safety

Laser pointers are ubiquitous items used in teaching today. They are great tools, but, under the right circumstances, they can cause considerable problems.

The important things to know about laser pointers are:

1. Check the type of laser pointer you are purchasing – they should not exceed Class 2 (higher classes are 3A and 3B).
2. Never shine them directly into someone's eyes.
3. Permanent eye damage from Class 2 lasers is unlikely, but temporary blindness can be a serious safety hazard.
4. Never allow small children to play with laser pointers.

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