



OhioPHP

SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM

A confidential resource for licensees of the Vision Professionals Board

WHAT IS A SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM?

A confidential path for individuals to seek help for burnout, mental health or substance use disorders and a therapeutic alternative to regulatory action for chronic illnesses.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED THROUGH THE SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM?

- Community Resource Referrals
- Screening
- Confidential Monitoring

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM?

- Ocularists
- Opticians
- Optomotrists

WHO ADMINISTERS THE OVP BOARD'S SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM?

OhioPHP is the designated monitoring organization for the Vision Professionals Board. OhioPHP protects the confidentiality of program participants and referral sources to the fullest extent allowed by law.

If you or a colleague needs help, contact OhioPHP.

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FAQ



How do I enroll in the safe haven program?

*If you or a colleague needs help, contact OhioPHP. OhioPHP's clinical team will conduct a well-being screen and then will provide recommendations that **may** include additional evaluation for burnout, mental health or substance use disorders, individual counseling, and/or any necessary treatment. Once a diagnosis has been made, licensees may enroll in long-term, therapeutic monitoring through the safe haven program.*

Will the OVPB or my employer know about my safe haven program participation?

No - OhioPHP will not disclose to the OVPB or an employer the name or any records associated with a licensee enrolled in the safe haven program, as long as they are compliant with the terms of their monitoring agreement.

Is there a cost associated with the safe haven program?

OhioPHP's services are offered at no cost to OVPB licensees. Licensees may only be responsible for the cost of additional evaluations, treatment, counseling, or toxicology testing (if deemed clinically necessary).

Why should I contact OhioPHP?

OhioPHP provides a confidential, therapeutic alternative to discipline. The Vision Professionals Board will not institute disciplinary action against any applicant or licensee who is engaged in services with OhioPHP for issues related to their mental health or substance use. In addition to working with safe haven participants, OhioPHP provides education, outreach, and advocacy to support physician health and well-being.

Safe Haven Program: OAC 4725-19-01

Reporting & Ethics Requirements: ORC 4725.19, ORC 4725.21, ORC 4725.53 , OAC 4725-5-05, OAC 4725-5-19

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