

Consumer Advisory

All Contact Lenses, Including Cosmetic Lenses, Require a Prescription

We're writing because you may have been a customer of HollywoodColorContacts.com, WorldColorContacts.com, or TopModelContacts.com. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sued the owner of these websites for selling contact lenses without first getting a copy of your prescription or verifying your prescription information.

The FTC's Contact Lens Rule says that all contact lenses – even cosmetic ones that only change your appearance – require a prescription. Why? Because wearing *any* type of contact lenses before an eye care professional has examined your overall eye health and given you a proper contact lens fitting can lead to serious injuries or complications, such as:

- Pain and discomfort of the eyes;
- Red or swollen eyes;
- Blurred or decreased vision;
- Corneal abrasion (cut or scratch on top layer of eye);
- Allergic reactions (itchy, watery, red eyes);
- Infection; and
- Blindness

Once you have your prescription, only buy contacts from sellers who require your prescription (or will verify it with your eye prescriber) and who sell FDA-approved contact lenses. Your sight may depend on it.

For more information, please see the FTC articles, [*Buying Cosmetic Contact Lenses*](#) and [*Prescription Glasses and Contact Lenses*](#).