

# World Sight Day

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gender  eye health  
equal access to care



## USA



- Two-thirds of blind and visually impaired are women
- Three-quarters of visual impairment is preventable or correctable
- One-third of age-related macular disease and one-fifth of cataract may be due to smoking
- Eye diseases increase with age, and healthy lifestyles can prevent and slow age-related eye disease

## Worldwide



- Two-thirds of blind people worldwide are women and girls, four-fifths of blindness and visual impairment occurs in developing countries
- In many countries, men's access to eye health care is twice that of women
- Effective strategies can and do successfully address this gender inequity

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