

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the cost to my family or estate?

There is no cost associated with donation.

### Does ocular donation prevent me from having an open casket?

No. There is no way of knowing your loved one was an ocular donor unless you tell them.

### What if I die at home and not in a hospital?

If you wish to donate, the SHA Donation Program will arrange all transportation, and then to the funeral home of your family's choosing.

### What does my donation sticker do?

Since launching the online registry, the donation sticker on your health card has been discontinued. You can register your intent online, but the most important thing to do is to discuss your wishes with your family. They will make the final decision on your behalf.

### Will I recognize my loved ones eyes on the street?

No, there is no way of recognizing your loved ones eyes. The iris (coloured part) is not donated.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions regarding tissue donation, you can contact a donor coordinator for further assistance by phone or email.

### Office:

Monday—Friday

08:00—16:00

306- 655- 0315

### Email:

sha.donationprogram@saskhealthauthority.ca

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about ocular donation.

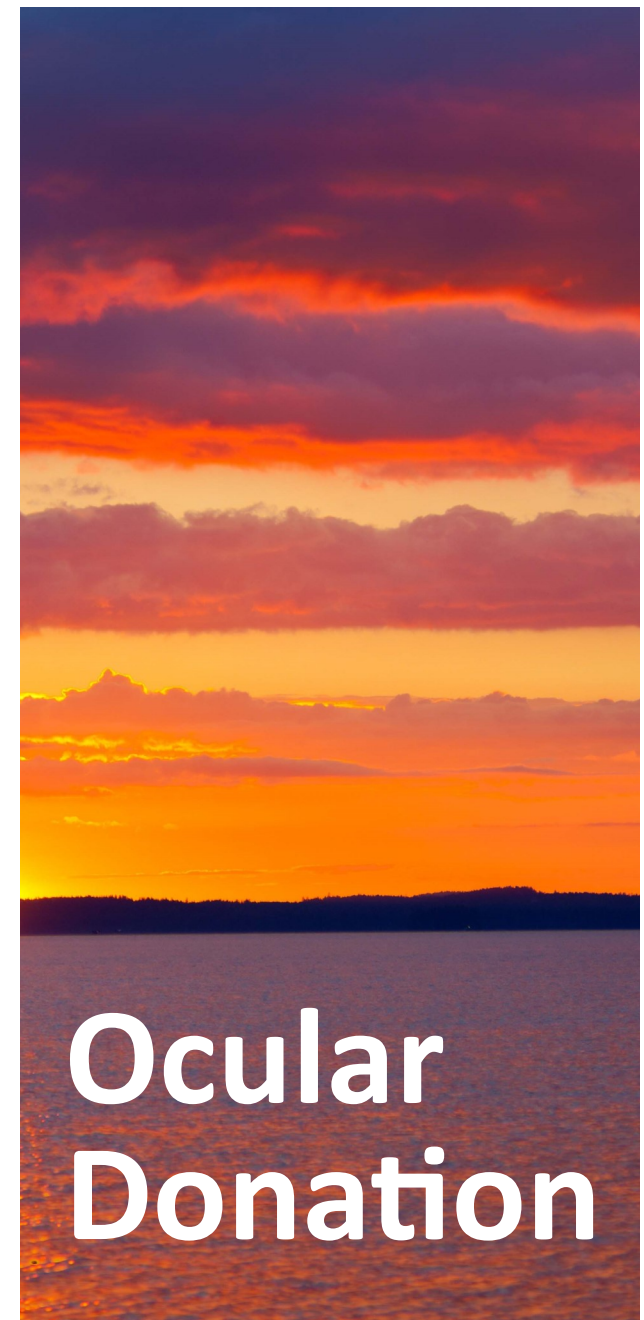
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Register your Intention:

[Givelifesask.ca](http://Givelifesask.ca)



[www.saskhealthauthority.ca](http://www.saskhealthauthority.ca)



*Healthy People, Healthy Saskatchewan*

## It's Your Choice

Donation is a personal choice.

Donation is an end of life option. It is an opportunity to leave a life changing legacy. Register your intent online at [givelifesask.ca](http://givelifesask.ca)

You can contact the donation office for a paper registration form to be mailed if you do not have internet access.

**Talk to your family** about your wishes so they can make the best decision on your behalf.

## Who Can be an Ocular Donor?

- <81 years of age
- Cancer does **not** rule out donation
- Undergoing MAID process
- Palliative care
- Ocular donation is available to all resident of Saskatchewan, regardless of where the death occurs.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority works in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, acknowledging Saskatchewan as the traditional territory of First Nations and Métis People.

## What is Ocular Donation?

### What is donated?

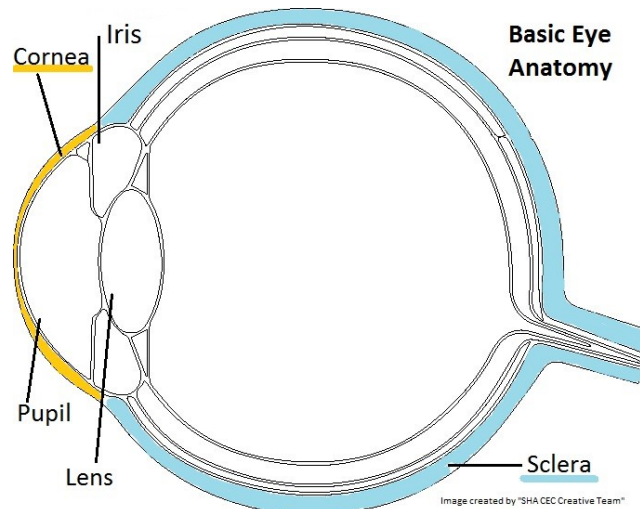
There are two parts that can be donated:

#### 1) Cornea

- The front part of the eye, similar to a contact lens
- Used for vision restoring or eye saving surgery
- Used to treat infection or damage to someone's own cornea

#### 2) Sclera

- The white part of your eye
- Used for eyelid reconstruction
- Glaucoma surgeries
- Penetrating eye injuries



## Religious Beliefs

Most religions support donation as it is an act of compassion and generosity.

A social worker and spiritual/cultural advisor can be consulted at any point of the donation process upon family request.

**Learn.  
Register.  
Talk with your  
family.**

## Who Does this Help?

The Eye Bank of Saskatchewan is located in both Saskatoon and Regina.

Corneas and sclera stay within the province and help Saskatchewan residents.

There are approximately 75 patients on the wait list for cornea transplants.

Corneal transplants are the most successful transplant with a 95% success rate.