

Vision Problems Affect Over 20 Million People In This Country

Vision loss in the U.S. is rapidly becoming a crisis of epidemic proportions since large numbers of older persons are experiencing age related vision loss from such conditions as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, and cataracts (afb.org/seniorsite/understandingvisionloss). People with vision loss are twice as likely to fall and twice as likely to break a hip when they fall. Loss of vision affects all areas of every day life such as driving, reading, and even taking prescriptions.

These problems are not insurmountable. The American Foundation for the Blind has developed an online information center (afb.org/seniorsite) that provides commonsense solutions to living with vision loss. It offers hope, help and encouragement to both people experiencing vision problems and their family members (afb.org/seniorsite/familyguide) and provides links to local agencies that can help (afb.org/seniorsite/directory)

For more information about demographic information pertaining to seniors with vision loss, visit AFB's Statistical Snapshots at www.afb.org/stats .

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