What do you know about your LASER pointer?

LASER is an acronym for:

**L**ight

**A**mplification by

**S**timulated

**E**mission of

**R**adiation

LASERs come in four major classes based on power: 1, 2, 3, 4

Classes are also represented by Roman numerals: I, II, III, IV

LASER pointers are available as either: Class 2 or Class 3a/3R

Handheld LASER devices are higher powered Class 3b & Class 4

Can you tell which is a LASER pointer and which is a handheld LASER device?
Looks can be deceiving.......

**LASER POINTER**

- Class 3b & 4 LASERs have the potential to cause eye damage before your blink response
- Only 3a (5mW max. power) and lower LASER pointers should be used for presentations
- Green and blue LASERs tend to be more powerful
- **DON’T STARE AT THE BEAM!! Never point a LASER at anyone’s eyes!!**

**Important things to remember**

Contact EHS to register your 3b and 4 LASERs: ehs@dartmouth.edu

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