

## COVER UP UGLY CASTS



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Having a cast or brace can be annoying, especially when school starts up again. With CastCoverZ, kids can add fashion and fun to casts, splints, boots and slings. Available in a variety of designs and fabrics, they easily can be removed for washing. They also help prevent the scratching and irritation of surrounding skin and the snagging of clothes that often occurs when wearing a brace or cast. For more information, visit [castcoverz.com](http://castcoverz.com).

## Keep kids safe from harm

Talk to them about threats, disaster planning and virtual safety

### STATEPOINT

Being a parent can sometimes feel like your heart is walking around in someone else's body. And while your instinct is to protect your children from any and all harm, it is also important to

instincts tell them something is wrong.

### GET MOBILE HELP

Advances in mobile technology are making it easier than ever to keep children safe. For example, Life360 has created a mobile app that allows family members to request a "Check In" from another family member, along with a GPS location update.

### DISASTER PLANNING

Make sure your family has

## Good-bye

Don't be embarrassed by glasses; trendy styles abound in the marketplace

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Whether you're geek chic, rock and roll or somewhere in between, you can find the perfect pair of glasses to suit your style.

Students no longer have to be embarrassed to start the school year off with a pair of outdated specs that look like they came from their grandparents' closet. Optical stores across Staten Island are offering cool and contemporary glasses from well-known designers that are helping make "four eyes" a term of endearment.

Lauren Ruperto, owner of Specs For Less in Port Richmond, is a fan of "geek-chic," a reference to large, bold frames with retro appeal. She sees the style as fun and having "personality."

Another benefit of geek chic is its durability, she said, since the large frames are thicker and stronger than other types of eyewear. Glasses with flexible frames also tend to be durable, she noted, although they are less popular with students due to their conservative oval shape.

"Your glasses are on your face, they should make a