

## The Importance of Sight

The ability to see is critically important to everyone, but especially for a developing child. A few helpful tips about your child's vision:

- **Don't Wait for Your Child to Say Something** – children often can't tell that they can't see well.
- **Follow Your Instincts** – many times a parent will notice behavior that indicates a vision problem. If your child is tilting his head, squinting or moving objects close to his face to see, there may be a problem.
- **Healthy Vision is Required for Learning** – 80% of what we learn comes from the ability to see.
- **Vision Problems are Common** – A child in every classroom, or one in 20, have a vision disorder that could lead to vision loss if untreated.

A failed vision screening is cause for concern. If your physician finds an eye problem during a vision screening, follow up promptly as directed.



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- See by Three focuses on training, research and public awareness about the need for early detection and treatment of children's eye disorders.

### Training

Educate medical professionals on vision screening techniques

### Research

Effectiveness of medical home vision screening

Ability to increase follow-up rates

### Public Awareness

Need for early detection and treatment

Prevalence of eye disorders

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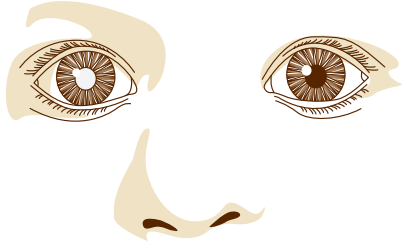
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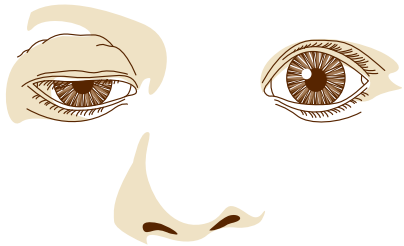
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## Very Serious Symptoms (See a doctor immediately):

- **White pupil** - this may indicate cataract, tumor inflammation or detached retina



- **Lump, swelling or drooping of lid** - may be an inflammation which is an emergency if it happens suddenly and the lid is red and hot. May indicate muscle weakness or tumor causing blockage of vision.

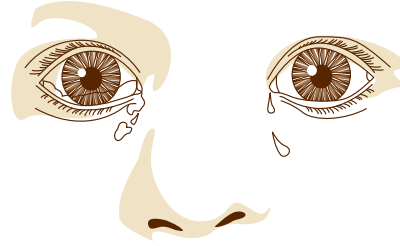


- **Large cornea in one or both eyes** - a sign of glaucoma in both the newborn and infant, especially when the child's eye waters and avoids light

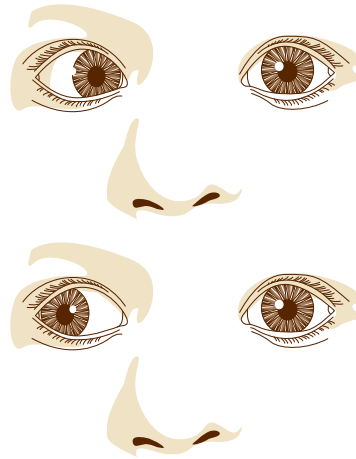


## Serious Symptoms (Notify a doctor within days or weeks):

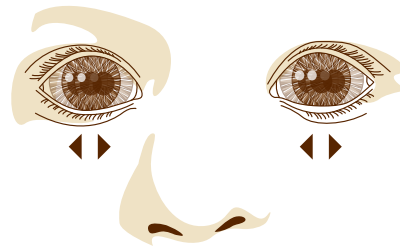
- **Tearing, discharge or redness** - a sign of infection or tear duct blockage



- **Eye turns inward or outward** - could lead to loss of vision



- **Dancing eyes** - a sign of disease of the nervous system anywhere between the eyes and brain

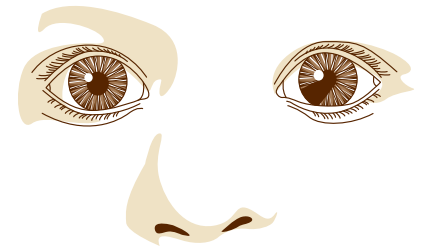


## Concerning Symptoms (Tell your doctor on your next visit):

- **Head tilted** - may be an indication that the child is avoiding double vision



- **Pupil defect** - if part of the iris is missing, it may be an outward sign of a defect of the inside of the eye



- **Unequal pupils** - may be a sign of nerve damage or tumor which is visible in one eye

