


Signs of Possible Vision Problems in Children



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If your child shows one or more of these signs, have your child seen by an eye doctor without delay.

Appearance	Behavior	Complaints
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes do not line up or look straight ahead – one appears to look inward toward nose, outward toward ear, upward toward forehead, or downward toward cheek <input type="checkbox"/> Eyelids are red-rimmed, crusted, or swollen <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes are watery or red (inflamed) <input type="checkbox"/> Eyelid does not fully open (droopy) <input type="checkbox"/> Recurring stye or bump (infection) on eyelid <input type="checkbox"/> Color photos of child’s eyes show a white reflection in the pupil (middle of the eye) <input type="checkbox"/> The pupil (the black circle in the colored part of the eye) in one eye is larger than the pupil in the other eye. <input type="checkbox"/> The iris (colored part of the eye) in one eye is not the same round shape and size as the iris in the other eye <input type="checkbox"/> Both eyes jerk back and forth quickly from side to side 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Rubs eyes often <input type="checkbox"/> Closes or covers one eye when reading or looking at a close object <input type="checkbox"/> Squints eyes when trying to see things near or far away <input type="checkbox"/> Tilts head or turns face when playing with a toy, trying to read, or trying to see something near or far away <input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty concentrating when reading, doing schoolwork, or doing other close-up work <input type="checkbox"/> Brings toys or books close to his or her face <input type="checkbox"/> Blinks eyes more than usual or is cranky when doing close-up work <input type="checkbox"/> Seems unusually clumsy - Bumps into things often or knocks things over <input type="checkbox"/> Avoids doing near work or reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Eyes itch, burn, or feel scratchy <input type="checkbox"/> Blurred vision when looking at near objects, such as toys or books <input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness, headaches, or nausea when doing near work <input type="checkbox"/> Light is too bright <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to see something other people can see <input type="checkbox"/> Sees worse at the end of the day <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty copying material from a whiteboard in the classroom 

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