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# KIDS DON'T KNOW THEY CAN'T SEE

## Your Child's Vision is a TOP Priority

Kids often don't know they are not seeing clearly. Vision screening helps identify children who need to see an eye doctor. An eye examination will determine if your child has a vision disorder or eye health problem. Uncorrected vision and eye problems can lead to permanent vision loss.

Vision disorders or eye health problems can affect your child's learning, social and emotional development, physical activity skills, and may limit future job opportunities.

**The American Academy of Pediatrics, Prevent Blindness, and other organizations recommend vision screenings at well-child visits starting as early as 6 months.** Screenings are quick, easy and fun – it may feel like a game to your child.

Some children may not be able to complete the screening the first time. Your child should be scheduled to try the screening again within 6 months or your child's doctor may recommend you take your child to an eye doctor for an examination. **The important thing is to make sure your child's vision is checked!**

## What if my child doesn't pass the vision screening?

- 1 Take your child for an eye examination if your child does not pass a vision screening to help your child have the best vision possible.
- 2 Get a referral from your child's pediatrician to an eye doctor for an eye examination.
- 3 Ask for assistance with translation, if needed.
- 4 Follow the eye doctor's suggestions for treatment if your child has a vision problem. The doctor may prescribe eye glasses, an eye patch, or other treatment.
- 5 Let your child's pediatrician, child care, and/or school know what happened at the appointment with the eye doctor.

### Vision Facts



Children with good vision learn better, pay more attention, participate more in classroom and other activities, and have improved confidence and behavior.



Treatment for vision disorders helps children be **READY FOR SCHOOL**.



Missing a vision screening or exam in the preschool years may increase your child's risk for permanent vision loss.



Early detection and treatment can prevent and (possibly) reverse vision loss from amblyopia ("lazy eye") and strabismus ("crossed eyes").

### Caregiver Resources

[www.wiseabouteyes.org/for-parents](http://www.wiseabouteyes.org/for-parents)

<https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/parents-need-to-know>

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