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Eye discomfort and redness can be concerning and disrupt your ability to do everyday activities. Identify possible common causes based on symptoms you're experiencing.

**Abstract**

Find possible causes of eye discomfort and redness in adults. See our Symptom Checker.

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**ENTER IN FARCRY:**

**When to get medical help**

Get emergency care if you have eye discomfort and redness accompanied by: (1, p. 4; 2; 3, p. 400)

Severe eye pain or irritation

Direct injury to the eye

Swelling in or around your eyes

Discharge of blood or pus from your eyes

Double vision or loss of vision

Sudden or new appearance of halos around lights

Nausea or vomiting

Sudden, severe headache

**More Information**

Red eye MY00280

Eye strain DS01084

**END OF FARCRY TEXT**

Find possible causes of eye discomfort and redness based on specific factors. Check one or more factors on this page that apply to your symptom.

**Eye discomfort best described as**

Ache

Dry or itchy

Gritty sensation

Redness without actual discomfort

Sensitivity to light

Severe pain

Stinging or burning sensation

**Appearance of eye includes**

Bleeding on the surface of the white of the eye

Crusted eyelashes after sleeping

Excessive tearing

Red, painful lump on the eyelid

Redness

Stringy mucus in or around the eye

Swelling around the eye

**Vision problem includes**

Blurred vision

Dark, floating spots in vision

Halos around lights

Loss of color vision

Shimmering or flash of light

Vision loss

**Triggered by**

Allergens or other irritants

Injury or trauma

**Worsened by**

Dry, warm air

Eye movement

**Accompanied by**

Dry mouth

Headache

Nausea or vomiting

Runny or stuffy nose

**Possible causes**

These diseases and conditions match at least one of the factors you selected. Those with the most matches are listed first.

DS00633 Blepharitis (4)

Eye discomfort best described as gritty sensation

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Eye discomfort best described as stinging or burning sensation

Appearance of eye includes crusted eyelashes after sleeping

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes stringy mucus in or around the eye

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

DS00487 Cluster headache (1, p. 3; 6)

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Eye discomfort best described as severe pain

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes redness

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

Accompanied by headache

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

DS00056 Common cold (1, p. 3; 7)

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes redness

Accompanied by headache

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

FA00037 Corneal abrasion (scratch): First aid (8, 22)

Eye discomfort best described as gritty sensation

Eye discomfort best described as severe pain

Eye discomfort best described as stinging or burning sensation

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes redness

Vision problem includes blurred vision

Triggered by injury or trauma

Worsened by eye movement

DS00463 Dry eyes (9)

Eye discomfort best described as dry or itchy

Eye discomfort best described as gritty sensation

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Eye discomfort best described as stinging or burning sensation

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes stringy mucus in or around the eye

Vision problem includes blurred vision

Worsened by dry, warm air

DS00283 Glaucoma (1, p. 2; 11)

Eye discomfort best described as severe pain

Vision problem includes blurred vision

Vision problem includes halos around lights

Worsened by eye movement

Accompanied by headache

Accompanied by nausea or vomiting

DS00174 Hay fever (12)

Eye discomfort best described as dry or itchy

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

Triggered by allergens or other irritants

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

DS01128 Iritis (1, p. 3; 13)

Eye discomfort best described as ache

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Vision problem includes blurred vision

Vision problem includes dark, floating spots in vision

DS01190 Keratitis (23, 24, 25)

Eye discomfort best described as dry or itchy

Eye discomfort best described as stinging or burning sensation

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes redness

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

Vision problem includes blurred vision

DS00908 Migraine with aura (1, p. 3; 14)

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Vision problem includes shimmering or flash of light

Vision problem includes vision loss

Accompanied by headache

DS00882 Optic neuritis (1, p. 3; 15)

Eye discomfort best described as ache

Eye discomfort best described as severe pain

Vision problem includes loss of color vision

Vision problem includes vision loss

Worsened by eye movement

DS00258 Pink eye (conjunctivitis) (16; 17, p. 2)

Eye discomfort best described as ache

Eye discomfort best described as dry or itchy

Eye discomfort best described as gritty sensation

Appearance of eye includes crusted eyelashes after sleeping

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes redness

Appearance of eye includes stringy mucus in or around the eye

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

DS00147 Sjogren's syndrome (18)

Eye discomfort best described as dry or itchy

Eye discomfort best described as gritty sensation

Eye discomfort best described as stinging or burning sensation

Accompanied by dry mouth

DS00257 Sty (19)

Eye discomfort best described as gritty sensation

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes red, painful lump on the eyelid

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

DS00867 Subconjunctival hemorrhage (broken blood vessel in eye) (20, 22)

Eye discomfort best described as redness without actual discomfort

Appearance of eye includes bleeding on the surface of the white of the eye

DS00677 Uveitis(1, p. 2; 21)

Eye discomfort best described as ache

Eye discomfort best described as sensitivity to light

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

Vision problem includes blurred vision

Vision problem includes dark, floating spots in vision

Vision problem includes vision loss

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