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Eye discomfort and redness in children can be concerning. Identify possible common causes based on symptoms your child is experiencing.

**Abstract**

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

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**ENTER IN FARCRY:**

**When to get medical help**

Seek emergency care if your child has 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 the eyes

Discharge of blood or pus from the eyes

Double vision, loss of vision or blurred vision

**More Information**

Red eye MY00280

**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 child's symptoms.

**Eye discomfort best described as**

Dry or itchy

Gritty sensation

Severe pain

Stinging or burning sensation

**Appearance of eye includes**

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

Vision loss

**Triggered by**

Allergens or other irritants

Injury or trauma

No clearly recognized cause

**Worsened by**

Eye movement

**Accompanied by**

Cough

Difficulty sleeping or irritability (infants or toddlers)

Fever

Headache or facial pain

Mild body aches

Runny or stuffy nose

Sneezing

**Possible causes**

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

FA00041 Chemical splash in the eye: First aid (4, 13)

Eye discomfort best described as stinging or burning sensation

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Vision problem includes blurred vision

Vision problem includes vision loss

Triggered by injury or trauma

DS00056 Common cold (1, p. 3; 5; 6)

Appearance of eye includes excessive tearing

Appearance of eye includes redness

Accompanied by cough

Accompanied by difficulty sleeping or irritability (infants or toddlers)

Accompanied by fever

Accompanied by headache or facial pain

Accompanied by mild body aches

Accompanied by runny or stuffy nose

Accompanied by sneezing

FA00037 Corneal abrasion (scratch): First aid (7, 13)

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

Triggered by no clearly recognized cause

Worsened by eye movement

FA00053 Foreign object in the eye: First aid (8, 13)

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

Triggered by no clearly recognized cause

Worsened by eye movement

DS00174 Hay fever (9)

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

DS00258 Pink eye (conjunctivitis) (10; 11, p. 2)

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

DS00257 Sty (12)

Appearance of eye includes red, painful lump on the eyelid

Appearance of eye includes swelling around the eye

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