



Healthy Vision Program: Making Vision a Health Priority

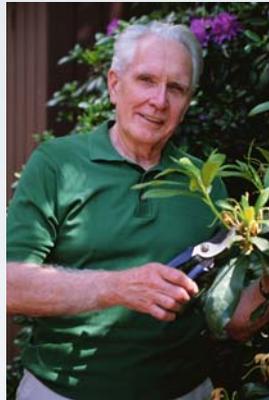
Examination and Prevention





The Healthy Vision Program is...

Vision is an essential part of everyday life.





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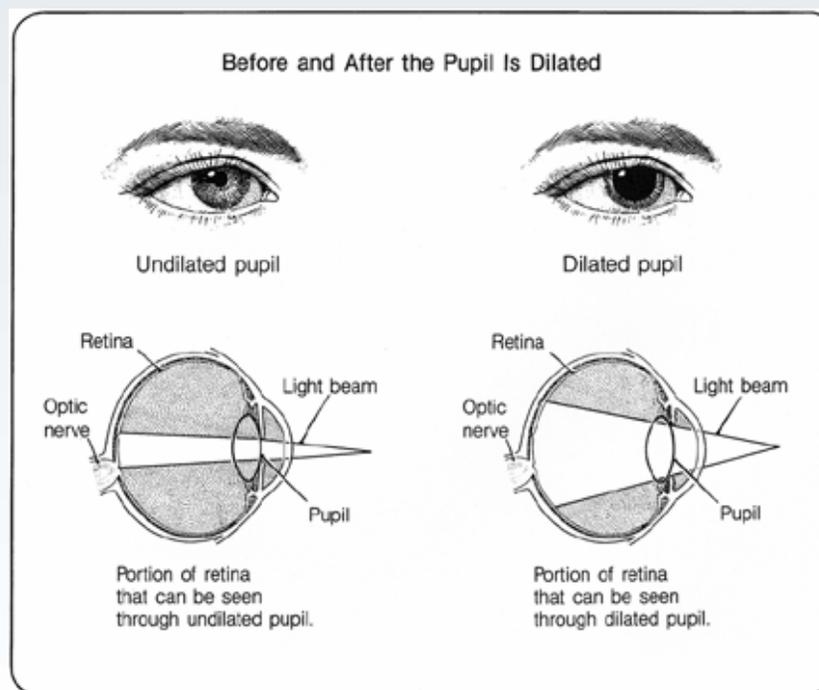
- Examination and prevention
- Eye disease
- Injury and safety
- Vision rehabilitation

Examination and prevention

- Dilated eye exams
- Vision screening for children (age 5 and under)
- Impairment due to refractive error
- Impairment in children and adolescents



Increase the proportion of persons who have a dilated eye examination at appropriate intervals.



**Increase the proportion of
preschool children
aged 5 years and under
who receive vision screening.**





Vision screening for children

Many vision problems begin before children reach school age. Left untreated, these problems can become more difficult to correct.

**Reduce uncorrected
visual impairment due
to refractive errors.**





Refractive errors

Approximately 60 percent of Americans have refractive errors or defects that could be corrected to give them sharper vision.

**Reduce blindness and
visual impairment in
children and adolescents
aged 17 years and under.**





What are the most common vision problems in children?

- Refractive errors are the most common vision problems in children and adolescents.
- About 25 percent of children aged 12 to 17 have some type of refractive error.
- Most vision problems can be corrected with early detection and treatment.

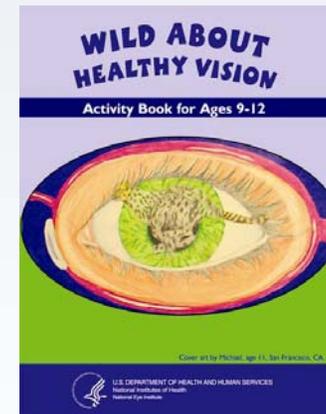
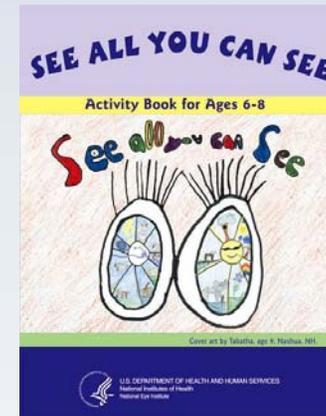
What can parents do to protect their children's vision?

- Check with your eye care professional or family physician about the appropriate eye exam schedule for your child.
- Make sure your child always wears protective eyewear for sports and household chores.



Children's Activity Books

- The National Eye Institute has developed activity books to educate children about eye health and safety.
- Order the activity books through the NEI Website at www.nei.nih.gov/activitybooks/.





How the Healthy Vision Program works

The Healthy Vision Program challenges individuals, communities, and professionals—indeed, all of us—to take specific steps to improve the eye health of people living in the United States through prevention, early detection, timely treatment, and rehabilitation.



You can help

- Begin at home
- Become an advocate
- Start something in your community



You can help

- Use the Healthy Vision Program resources
- Add the logo to your Website
- Identify partners to work with you



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Healthy Vision Program**



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