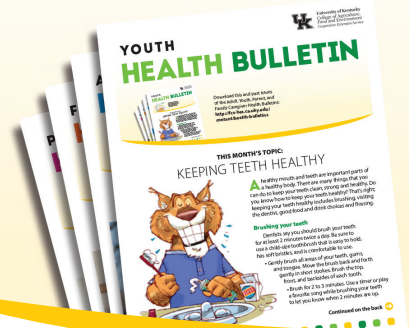


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THIS MONTH'S TOPIC

WATCH OUT FOR EYE INJURIES

Your eyes are very small part of your body. But they perform a BIG job — helping you see! Do you know how to keep your eyes healthy? Taking care of your eyes includes being active, eating a lot of different fruits and vegetables, washing your hands before putting them near your eyes, and wearing goggles or glasses during sports or science class. Wearing sunglasses when you're outside also protects your eyes. Your doctor will check your eyesight from time to time to make sure you can see well. You might also visit an eye doctor, called an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

Sometimes, you can still have an accident, even when you are trying to be careful. Do you know what to do if your eye gets hurt or you get something in it?

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It is important for you to learn what to do if your eye gets hurt, so you can act fast and get help. Anytime you or someone else gets hurt, the first thing to do is find an adult who can help. An adult can help decide if an injury is serious enough to go to the doctor or if you can treat it at home.

A common eye injury in kids is getting hit in the eye with a rock, ball, or someone's elbow. If it is your eye socket (the area around your eye) that is hurt, put something cold on the whole eye area for 15 minutes to help the pain and swelling go down.

It is also common to get tiny bits, like dust or sand, in your eye. It can hurt and make you want to rub your eyes to get it out. Instead, wash your eyes out with water. Splash water into your eyes several times to try to get all the dirt out. You might have to wash your eye out more than once. It might be several more minutes before your eye starts to feel better.

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important!



If you ever get chemicals in your eye, like a cleaner, battery acid, or ingredient from a science experiment, wash your eye out right away. Tell an adult. In this case, you need to go to a doctor to make sure your eyeball, eyelid, and socket are all OK. They may also give you eye drops to help.

If an object like a stick or pencil gets stuck in your eye, do not pull it out. Do not put any pressure on the object because it might go in further. An adult will need to take you to the doctor right away for help getting it out and not doing more damage to your eye.

Your eyesight is important to protect! Knowing what to do in case of an eye injury can help you be prepared and keep safety in sight.

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