

TAKING CARE OF YOUR

CHILD'S VISION

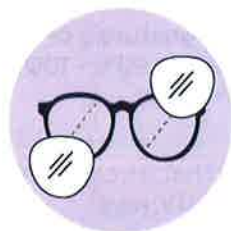
what you NEED TO KNOW...



When a baby is born, they are only able to focus **8 to 10 inches in front of them**. It is only after several months that an infant gains a broader scope of vision which **continues to develop throughout childhood**. **Read books, incorporate arts and crafts, and try activities which improve hand and eye coordination to assist in developing healthy vision for your child.**



A child should be taken for their **first eye exam when they are 3 years old**. An eye exam at this age **will determine if their vision is developing correctly** and also **serves as a checkpoint in getting them ready for school**. Routine exams following this initial checkup are extremely important because **80% of a child's learning is visual and they will rarely report vision problems**. Take notice if your child is **often squinting and blinking** as it could be a signal that something is wrong.



If your child is in need of glasses, **find something strong and resilient like a metal or plastic frame**. **Polycarbonate lenses are a great choice** for their **durability, light weight, and scratch resistance**. Also **keep your child's comfort in mind**. Ask the optometrist or eye care professional about options which include **spring hinges, cable temples, and adjustable nose pads**. Don't forget, **Davis Vision eyewear comes with a one year breakage replacement warranty** - great for families on the go.*

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* ask your vision care provider for more information