

Eye Health Tips



August is Eye Safety Month—and a big milestone!

Protect your sight with these simple, expert-backed tips below.

Simple ways to prevent eyestrain

Eyestrain is caused by long periods of activity involving eye focus, such as viewing mobile devices and computer screens, reading books, driving or watching TV.

- Use the 20-20-20 rule as a guide: Every 20 minutes, look away to an object at least 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep your eyes moist, by blinking or using artificial tears, to prevent them from drying out.

Eat a balanced diet for eye health

- Fruits with vitamins C and E, such as oranges, strawberries and mangos, can help restore tissues and prevent infections.
- Omega-3 fatty acids in fish can prevent dry eye and reduce risk of cataracts and AMD.
- Leafy greens with vitamin A, like spinach and kale, can help fight dry eye and night blindness.
- **Remember:** a healthy, balanced diet can help prevent conditions such as obesity and hypertension, which have been linked to additional eye diseases.

Did you know?

The <u>Wilmer Eye Institute</u> is celebrating 100 years of vision care excellence this year! Adults enrolled in a JHU CareFirst Health Plan receive a free routine eye exam at Wilmer every 24 months. Routine and preventive eye care helps to help avoid or minimize vision loss and diseases later in life – call 410-955-5080 to schedule.

For well-being resources visit <u>JHU</u>
<u>Well-being Programs</u>
online.

Explore vision benefits on the Benefits & Worklife website.