



Don't Let Head Lice Keep You Up At Night!

Here's What You Should Know



Any child can get head lice.

- Head lice are a common condition in school-age children—nearly 6 to 12 million get them every year¹
- Personal hygiene and cleanliness of home, clothes, or hair, or where you live or play, have nothing to do with getting head lice¹
- Lice mostly spread by direct head-to-head contact. They don't jump or fly^{1,2}

Consult your child's doctor.

- Speak with your doctor about treatment options and whether a prescription medicine may be right for your child³
- Only use head lice medicine when it's certain that your child has head lice. Head lice have shown resistance to some over-the-counter treatments in different parts of the US. Prevalence of this resistance isn't yet known and can vary throughout the country^{3,4}



Treat immediately!

- If your doctor decides a prescription medication is right for you, carefully follow the directions for the head lice medicine your doctor prescribes⁵
- Remember that only adults should apply head lice medication
- Check with your doctor if you think a second round of treatment is necessary

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