# Vision Screening Recommendations

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| Newborn to 12 months | • Ocular history  
• Vision assessment  
• External inspection of the eyes and lids  
• Ocular motility assessment  
• Pupil examination  
• Red reflex examination | • Refer infants who do not track well after 3 months of age.  
• Refer infants with an abnormal red reflex or history of retinoblastoma in a parent or sibling. |
| 12 to 36 months      | • Ocular history  
• Vision assessment  
• External inspection of the eyes and lids  
• Ocular motility assessment  
• Pupil examination  
• Red reflex examination  
• Visual acuity testing  
• Objective screening device “photoscreening”  
• Ophthalmoscopy | • Refer infants with strabismus.  
• Refer infants with chronic tearing or discharge.  
• Refer children who fail photoscreening. |
| 36 months to 5 years | • Ocular History  
• Vision assessment  
• External inspection of the eyes and lids  
• Ocular motility assessment  
• Pupil examination  
• Red reflex examination  
• Visual acuity testing (preferred) or photoscreening  
• Ophthalmoscopy | Visual Acuity Thresholds:  
• Ages 36-47 months: Must correctly identify the majority of the optotypes on the 20/50 line to pass.  
• Ages 48-59 months: Must correctly identify the majority of the optotypes on the 20/40 line to pass.  
• Refer children who fail photoscreening. |
| 5 years and older*   | • Ocular history  
• Vision assessment  
• External inspection of the eyes and lids  
• Ocular motility assessment  
• Pupil examination  
• Red reflex examination  
• Visual acuity testing  
• Ophthalmoscopy | • Refer children who cannot read at least 20/32 with either eye. Must be able to identify the majority of the optotypes on the 20/32 line.  
• Refer children not reading at grade level. |

*Repeat screening every 1-2 years after age 5.