

HOW DO YOU TREAT HEAD LICE (cont)

2. Most treatments consist of applying a special medication to the scalp and hair following package directions. These preparations come in liquid form and can be bought in drug stores. Most do not require a doctor's prescription. Read instructions carefully especially noting if preparation is applied to wet or dry hair. IT MUST BE STRESSED THAT THESE PRODUCTS ARE STRONG CHEMICALS AND THUS SHOULD NOT BE OVER-USED. THESE PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT BE USED ON INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE, PREGNANT WOMEN, OR NURSING MOTHERS WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE AND APPROVAL.
3. Nit removal may be aided by soaking the hair with a solution of half water and half white vinegar and applying a damp towel soaked in the same solution for 30 to 60 minutes. A fine tooth comb should then be used to go through each section of hair. Back combing may aid in nit removal or use of a flat head pair of tweezers to remove stubborn nits still clinging to the hair. Hair can then be rinsed in warm water.
4. All clothing (pajamas, underwear, other clothes, hat, etc.) should be laundered in hot water; dry cleaned or sealed in plastic bags for one week.
5. Articles such as combs and brushes should be thoroughly washed in hot water or discarded.
6. To remove lice from rugs, upholstered furniture, car seats, mattresses, etc. vacuum thoroughly and immediately throw vacuum bag away and remove from the home.

HOW DOES THE SCHOOL TREAT LICE?

If student is discovered to have head lice:

1. The parent is notified
2. The student should be treated for head lice before returning to school.
3. Parent will notify school that student has been treated.
4. In some instances, student in an entire classroom may be checked for lice, however, this is time consuming and an interruption in the instructional program. Parents are expected to assume responsibility of checking their children's hair on a regular basis.
5. The use of insecticide spray in a school setting for treating the environment is not done or advised because of the toxicity and possible allergic reaction of students and/or staff. Thorough vacuuming and cleaning is sufficient at home and school.

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