



Eye Injuries

Foreign Body on the Eye

You have had a foreign body removed from your eye.

Sometimes the foreign body can leave behind a small stain on the clear window of the eye (cornea). If the doctor feels that this may also need to be cleared, you will be asked to make a return visit.

Very occasionally the injury can make the thin skin covering the front surface of the eye a little loose so that, from time to time, you get the same foreign body feeling again. If this is troublesome, contact your GP for further advice.

Corneal Abrasion

A 'corneal abrasion' is a scratch on the clear part covering the surface of the eye and it is quite painful.

With treatment a corneal abrasion will usually heal within 48 hours.



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Local Anaesthetic

Local anaesthetic drops may have been used in your eye for examination or to remove a foreign body. These drops will wear off within an hour. You are advised to take over the counter pain killers if required.

Sometimes drops are used to relax the eye while healing is taking place. These drops enlarge the pupil and may cause some blurring of vision, but this will wear off within a day of the drops being stopped. If you are given these drops, **please Do Not drive** as long as you are using these drops.

Follow Up

If your eye does not seem to be settling after 48 hours, please arrange a review at the Eye clinic by telephoning 01793 604 868.

The eye clinic is available as follows:

- Monday to Friday - 08:00 to 21:00
- Saturday and Sunday - 09:00 to 13:00



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Further Advice / Instructions

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Please retain this leaflet for future reference.



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For further advice or information you can telephone your local Minor Injury Unit (MIU)

Chippenham Community Hospital

Rowden Hill
Chippenham
SN15 2AJ
Tel: 01249 456 403/4
Open: 07:00 to 23:00; seven days a week

Trowbridge Community Hospital

Adcroft Street
Trowbridge
BA14 8PH
Tel: 01225 711 329
Open: 07:00 to 23:00; seven days a week

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