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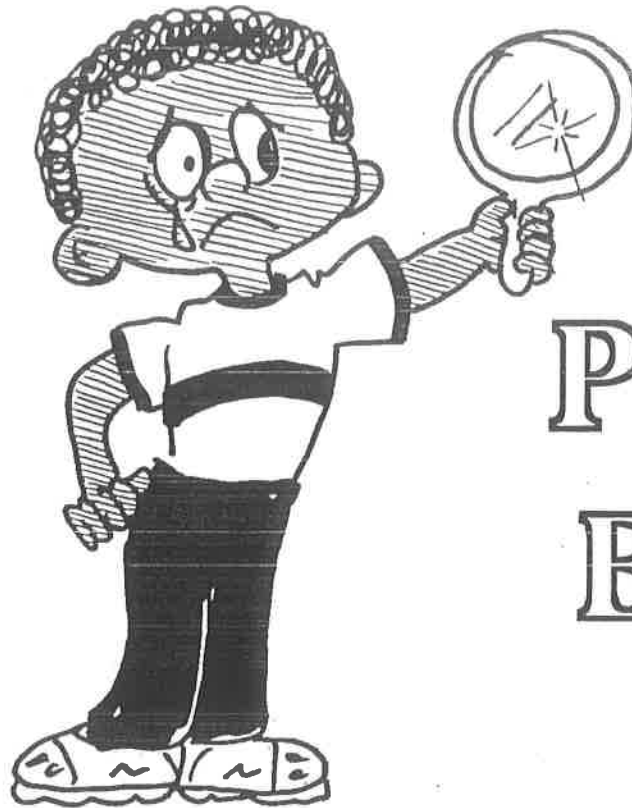
When a child with pink eye touches her eyes, nose, or mouth the germs get on her hands. When the child then touches another child or a toy, she spreads the germs to other children. Pink eye can also be spread through tissues, washcloths, or towels. You should wash your hands carefully before and after helping your child.

Either one or both eyes may have any of these symptoms:

- ✓ The eyeball or inner lining of the eyelid is red.
- ✓ Light hurts the eyes.
- ✓ The eyelid is swollen.
- ✓ The eye has a thick discharge.
- ✓ The eyelid has dried "crust" and is hard to open after sleeping.
- ✓ The eye is itchy.
- ✓ The eye is watery or teary.

If the child's has pinkeye, and her cheeks become swollen, warm, or red, call your doctor. The infection can be very serious.

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