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Head Lice Prevention Tips for Parents

Head lice are common in school-aged children, but there are simple steps you can take to help protect your family.

1. Tie It Up

- Children with long hair should wear it braided, in a bun, or in a braided ponytail.
- This makes it harder for lice to transfer during head-to-head contact.

2. Avoid Head-to-Head Contact

• Remind kids to keep their heads apart during play, sports, selfies, and group activities.

4. Do Regular Head Checks

- Check your child's hair and scalp weekly, especially during peak lice seasons (back-to-school, winter months, after holidays).
- Use a professional grade nit comb (visually checking is not accurate), or book a professional head check.

5. Educate Calmly

- Talk to your child about lice in a calm, matter-of-fact way to avoid embarrassment or stigma.
- Emphasize that lice happen to clean hair, dirty hair, short hair, and long hair anyone can get them.

6. Act Quickly if Found

- Early detection is key.
- Contact a professional lice removal service or follow treatment instructions right away.

Remember:

- Lice do not live in the environment extensive cleaning, bagging items, or spraying chemicals in the home is not necessary.
- Lice spread primarily through head-to-head contact.

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