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Allergy symptoms like sneezing, runny nose, stuffy nose, and itchy, watery eyes can make even the simple things hard to do—and fun activities like sports and dancing a chore.

But, the good news is allergies can be easily managed when you have the right tools and information.

Here's a useful guide to help you and your family understand allergies—inside and out. You'll find information and valuable tips on how to reduce allergen exposure.

There is also an educational storybook for you to read to your child to help understand all the simple things you can do to get relief.

READ ABOUT ALLIE AND HER DAY WITHOUT ALLERGIES

WHAT IS AN ALLERGY?

An allergy is a condition in which the body's immune system overreacts to normally harmless substances called allergens. When your child comes into contact with an allergen, his or her body releases "histamine," and those uncomfortable allergy symptoms start.

WHAT TYPES OF ALLERGIES ARE THERE?

If your child experiences symptoms at certain times of the year, like the spring or fall, he or she may have outdoor allergies.

Common outdoor allergens include:



 Tree, grass, or weed pollen



 Mold (hay, straw, and raked leaves)

If your child experiences symptoms throughout the year, he or she may be experiencing indoor allergies.

Common indoor allergens include:



 Animal dander (thin skin flakes or saliva from animals)



 Dust mites (commonly found in bedding)

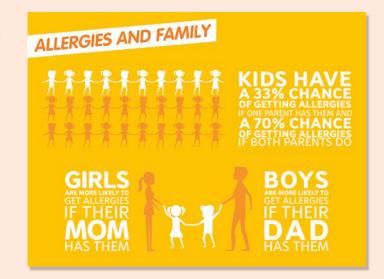


 Indoor mold (which can be found on wet surfaces)





DID YOU KNOW...





TIPS TO HELP RELIEVE YOUR CHILD'S ALLERGY SYMPTOMS

 Ditch dust mites by washing toys and stuffed animals every week

 Prevent a pollen pile-up! Have your child take a shower after outdoor play, since pollen can stick to skin, hair, and clothes

- Groom pets regularly to reduce your child's exposure to pet dander
- **Leave shoes at the door.** Besides tracking in mud, they can track in grass pollen
- Stay inside on dry, windy days since pollen is airborne. Couch tents are fun!
- Clear the air—Keep windows shut and use an air filter to keep pollens from entering the home
- Vacuum frequently to reduce dust—Using a vacuum with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter can help reduce allergens
- Keep caregivers in the know by telling teachers, the school nurse, and other caregivers about your child's allergies and the medications he or she is taking
- Make a plan! Show kids the items and places that can trigger allergies (like the park) and create a plan to avoid or reduce common allergy culprits

If you need additional information on allergy management, talk to your doctor.





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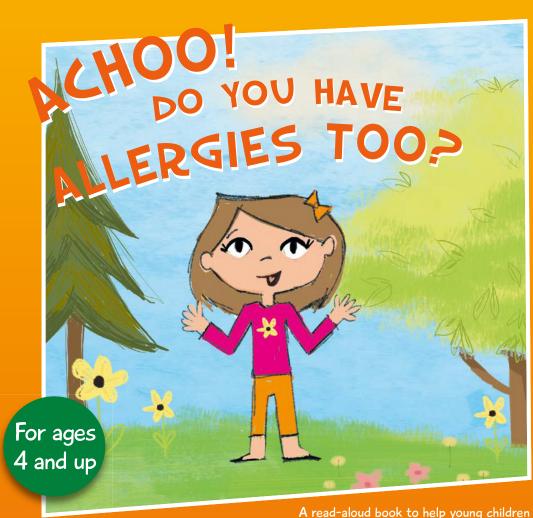




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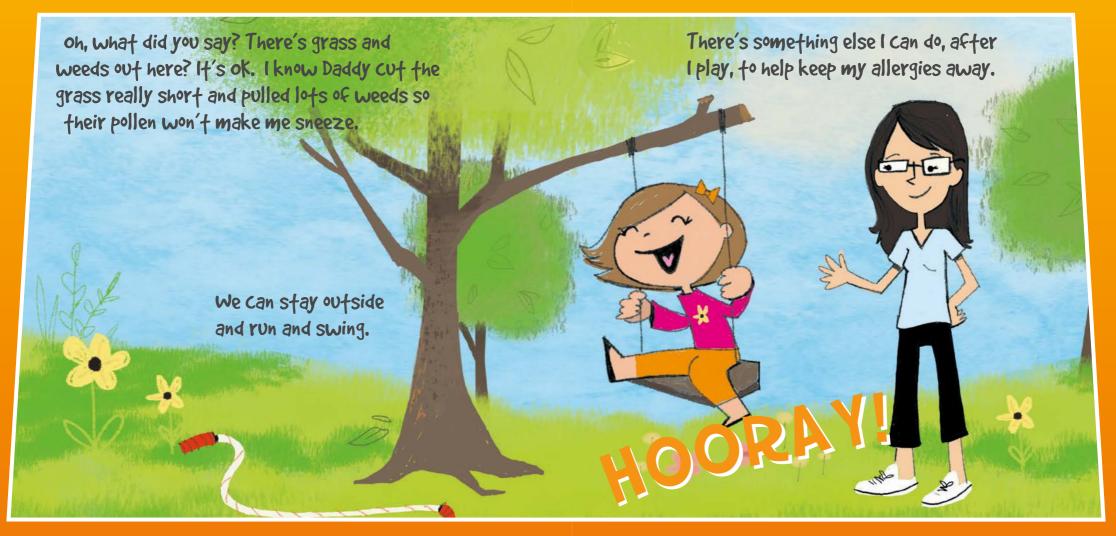
A read-aloud book to help young children learn about allergies, and the simple ways to help make their sneezing, runny nose, and itchy, watery eyes go away!



My doctor showed Mommy and me simple things to do to help me feel better.



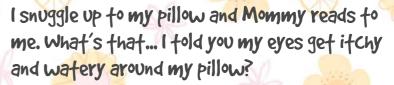






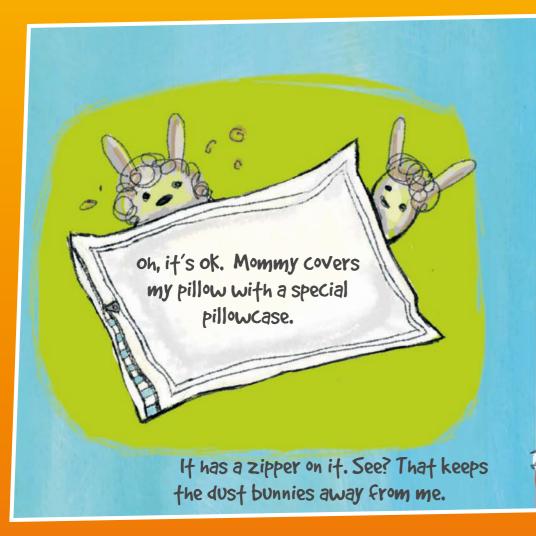


Wow, it's almost bedtime! Time to brush my teeth and get ready for bed.

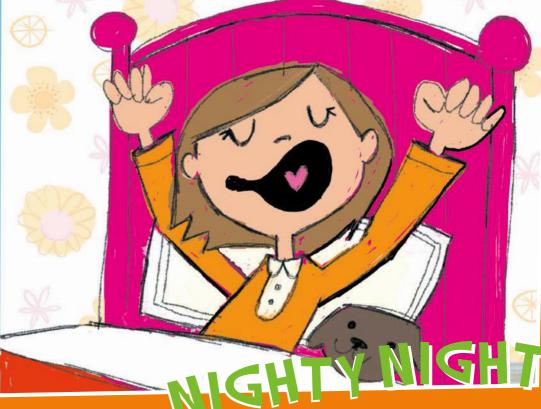








I'm sleepy! Beffer say good night. Tomorrow is going to be another fun day, because I know just What to do (and now so do you) to keep my allergies away!



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