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9) DESERT EYE PROBLEMS

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ALLERGIES TO DESERT PLANTS AND DRY EYE SYNDROME ARE TWO PROBLEMS COMMON TO NEVADA RESIDENTS, SAYS DR. TYREE CARR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. ALLERGIES MUST BE TREATED BY A DOCTOR, BUT DRY EYES RESPOND WELL TO ARTIFICIAL TEAR EYEDROPS.

15.3 (And) one thing about artificial tears is that artificial tears have very few preservatives in them, and it's as best as man can come to reproducing teardrops. Therefore, the toxicity from artificial tears is very, very low.

ANOTHER COMMON EYE PROBLEM IS SUNBURNED EYES. THE PROBLEM IS GENERALLY NOT NOTICED UNTIL SEVERAL HOURS SPENT IN THE SUN. THE PERSON OFTEN GOES TO SLEEP, AND AWAKENS WITH INTENSE EYE PAIN.

7.0 It's treated simply by applying topical eye medications and pressure-patching the eye, if needed.

SUCH TREATMENT SHOULD BE DONE BY AN OPHTHAMOLOGIST, SAYS DR. CARR, AS SUNBURNED EYES CAN BE SERIOUS, CAUSING PERMANENT EYE DAMAGE. THIS IS HEALTHLINE, FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.