

# 7 Head Lice Myths & Facts

## **Myth nº1 All children with head lice scratch or itch.**

### **Fact:**

Initial infestation may produce no signs or symptoms for 4 to 6 weeks. This means that your child can have head lice and begin itching only about one month later.

## **Myth nº2 Lice jump or fly from one head to another.**

### **Fact:**

Head lice cannot jump nor fly! They can only crawl using their claws. They get transmitted by crawling from one hair to another.

## **Myth nº3 Lice live in carpets, beds, clothes and couches.**

### **Fact:**

An adult louse can only live up to 48 hours (usually 24 hours) away from a human host. Nits can survive up to 10 days away from a head but will usually not be able to hatch because they need heat to incubate.

## **Myth nº4 Lice die immediately after treatment.**

### **Fact:**

A louse can take several hours (and up to 24 hours) before it dies following treatment.

## **Myth nº5 A single treatment is enough.**

### **Fact:**

A minimum of two treatments about 7 days apart is recommended to really kill all newly hatched nits.

## **Myth nº6 OTC Products kill 100% of lice.**

### **Fact:**

According to studies, no OTC product will kill 100% of lice.

## **Myth nº7 The whole family should be treated.**

### **Fact:**

Only those who have a proven head lice infestation should be treated. All family members should be checked on a daily or weekly basis.



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