

Tropicamide eye drops

Tropicamide 0.5% or 1% allows the optometrist to view the inside of your eye more easily by making the pupils wider than normal.

The drops take about 15-30 minutes to work and the effect may last for up to six hours.

Occasionally the effect may last until the next day.

You should not undertake hazardous activities such as driving, cycling or operating heavy machinery while your vision is affected.

Having large pupils will make you more sensitive to light especially if it is sunny and your vision might be slightly blurred, particularly for reading and other close work. You may find it more comfortable if you wear sunglasses until your pupils have returned to normal.

In the unlikely event that you experience any unusual symptoms such as pain and redness in or around your eyes or your vision seems misty (as though you are looking through a veil or fogged up window) contact your optometrist urgently or go to Accident and Emergency as you might be experiencing an adverse reaction to the drops.