

Using and Caring for Your Magnifier

Check out our [Magnifier Facts](#) and our large print handout, [Before Buying Your First Magnifier](#).

Using Your Magnifier

- **Hold the magnifier parallel to the reading material.**
- **Keep the magnifier a set distance from your nose and from the reading material. This distance will change with the strength of the magnifier. The stronger the lens, the closer everything is to the reading material..**
- **If you are using a lamp, make sure it is directing the light at the reading material and not at the your face. This will help control glare.**
- **If you are having difficulty finding the beginning of the next line, try tracking backwards to the beginning of the line you just read and then move down to the next line.**

Caring for Your Magnifier

- **Clean lenses regularly.**
- **Do not store for long periods of time without removing the batteries.**

Trouble Shooting with a Hand-held Magnifier:

- **Does the image appear upside down. If so, the magnifier and print are too far away. Slowly bring them both closer to your eye until the image rights itself.**
- **If you have switched to a stronger magnifier, you might not be holding it closer to your face. If you continue to have difficulty, seek out a low vision optometrist or vision rehabilitation therapist for instruction**
- **Is the magnifier broken? Did you just get a new one and can't see through it to read successfully? You may need to contact the point of sale or their eye doctor.**

- **Is the magnifier lens clean? Scratched?**
- **Do the batteries work?**
- **Is the switch working? A switch that doesn't work usually means the magnifier must be replaced.**
- **Do you wear glasses and are your glasses clean?**
- **Did a doctor or some other professional recommend you use a specific strength? (If not, you may have picked up a magnifier from somewhere that is not the correct strength for your vision.)**

If these quick suggestions do not provide success, then refer to a low vision clinic or vision rehabilitation professional, like [Cody Froeter at Second Sense](#)