

## Turning a Blind Eye

Turning a blind eye is an expression describing the ignoring of information.

The phrase to turn a blind eye is attributed to an incident in the life of Admiral Horatio Nelson. Nelson was blinded in one eye early in his Royal Navy career. During the Battle of Copenhagen in 1801 Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, the overall command of the British forces, sent a signal to Nelson's forces ordering them to discontinue the action.

Naval orders were transmitted via a system of signal flags at that time.

When this order was given to the more aggressive Nelson's attention, he lifted his telescope up to his blind eye, and said "*I really do not see the signal*". (*Wikipedia.org*)