

FACE COVERINGS



In England, you must by law wear a face covering on public transport and in shops/supermarkets*

Please obey the shopkeepers' rules, they are here to help you shop safely

*Do not judge others and be mindful that some people are exempt from wearing a face covering**



Wash your hands regularly and keep to social distancing



***You do not need to wear a face covering if you have a legitimate reason not to. This includes:**

- young children under the age of 11
- not being able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability
- if putting on, wearing or removing a face covering will cause you severe distress
- if you are travelling with or providing assistance to someone who relies on lip reading to communicate
- to avoid harm or injury, or the risk of harm or injury, to yourself or others
- to avoid injury, or to escape a risk of harm, and you do not have a face covering with you
- to eat or drink (only if you need to)
- to take medication
- if a police officer or other official requests you remove your face covering

There are also scenarios when you are permitted to remove a face covering:

- If asked to do so by shop staff for the purpose of age identification
- If speaking with people who rely on lip reading, facial expressions and clear sound. Some may ask you, either verbally or in writing, to remove a covering to help with communication



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