

Wearing a Face Covering – in shops



From 24th July people in England will need to wear a face covering in shops and supermarkets.



A face covering is to protect other people, in case you have coronavirus but don't know it.



A face covering must cover your nose and mouth, and you must be able to breathe comfortably.



You can make or buy face coverings.

You could also use a scarf, bandana, religious garment but it must be a secure fit.

If you do not wear a face covering, you might not be allowed into the shop, unless you are exempt.

The police can fine people who will not wear a face covering in shops, if they are able to



If you can wear a face covering, you should. We all have a responsibility to protect each other



You do not have to wear a face covering if:

- You have breathing difficulties
- You cannot because of your disability
- It will cause you distress
- If it's likely to cause you injury
- People with you rely on lip reading to communicate with you



If you need to prove you have permission not to wear a face covering, you should be able to show an 'Exemption Card'



Exemption Cards can be found at different websites:

<https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/>

<https://www.keepsafe.org.uk/card>



You also need to wear a face covering when using buses, trains and trams.



Remember to wash your hands before putting on and taking off your face covering.

Avoid touching the covering while wearing it