

Choose well.

For expert help and advice

For the very young, the over 65s and people with long-term health issues, the cold weather can contribute to serious health problems.

The good news is that by following a few top tips, we can give ourselves the best possible chance of staying well this winter.

Be prepared

Make sure your medicine cabinet is stocked up with:

- Paracetamol or aspirin.
- Anti-diarrhoeal medicine.
- Rehydration mixture.
- Indigestion remedy.
- Plasters.
- Thermometer.

Remember, if you are over 65 or have a long-term health problem, you can get a free flu jab from your GP.



If you think you may have swine flu, call the **National Pandemic Flu Service on 0800 1 513 100**. If you want general information about swine flu, call the **swine flu information line on 0800 1 513 513**.

Stop things spreading

To prevent something you have caught spreading to others:

- Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue.
- Dispose of tissues quickly and safely.
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water.

Make sure you recover properly

If you do catch a cold or flu, make sure you:

- Stay at home and get plenty of rest.
- Have lots of non-alcoholic drinks.
- Eat if you feel able to.
- Let a friend or neighbour know you are ill.

Stay warm

- Keep room temperature warm and comfortable.
- Wear lots of thin layers – and a hat, scarf and gloves if you go outside.
- Have regular hot drinks and hot meals that include fruit and vegetables.
- Take regular, gentle exercise to generate body heat.
- For those over 60, low income families and people with disabilities, further information is available at www.direct.gov.uk/keepwarmkeepwell

Feeling unwell this Winter?

There's a range of NHS services on your doorstep

Self-care
www.nhs.uk
NHS Direct 0845 46 47
Pharmacy
GP
Walk-in Centre
A&E or 999



Self-care

Self-care is the best choice to treat very minor illnesses and injuries. A range of common winter illnesses and injuries can be treated at home simply by combining a well-stocked medicine cabinet with plenty of rest. Advice is available without an appointment from pharmacies.

Self-care - essential information:

Ensure your medicine cabinet is well stocked with:

- paracetamol or aspirin
- anti-diarrhoeal medicine
- rehydration mixture
- indigestion remedy
- plasters and a thermometer

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For internet information on all aspects of health and health care, go to **www.nhs.uk**. It allows you to check your symptoms, check hundreds of conditions and treatments and find telephone numbers and addresses for most NHS organisations, including hospitals and GPs.

NHS Direct

For confidential health advice and information around the clock call:

0845 46 47

Calls cost a maximum of 5 pence per minute from a BT landline. Calls from mobiles and other networks may vary. Your service provider may charge a minimum cost per call. A confidential interpretation service is available in many languages.

Pharmacy

Visit your pharmacy when you are suffering from a common winter health problem that does not require being seen by a nurse or doctor. Your pharmacist can provide advice on common winter illnesses and the best medicines to treat them.

Pharmacist - essential information:

To find your local pharmacist, including details of opening hours please visit:

- www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories or call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47
- For details on pharmacy services during bank holidays please visit www.suffolk.nhs.uk/servicelocator

GP and Dentist

If you have an illness or injury that just will not go away, make an appointment with your local GP. They provide a range of services by appointment, including medical advice, examinations and prescriptions. When absolutely essential, GPs can also provide home visits out-of-hours.

- To find your local GP surgery, visit www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories or call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47
- For more information on Suffolk GP practices go to www.suffolk.nhs.uk/servicelocator or ring the Patient Advisory and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 389 6819.
- It's easy to get an NHS dentist in Suffolk – ring PALS on 0800 389 6819 to find out more.

Walk-in Centre

Walk-in centres treat minor illnesses and injuries that do not need a visit to A&E. Walk-in centres are open seven days a week. You do not need an appointment and will be seen by an experienced nurse.

- Felixstowe Community Hospital, Felixstowe. Open 7am to 10pm, seven days a week. Tel: 01394 458820
- The Ipswich Minor Injuries Unit (Riverside Clinic). Open 8am to 10pm, seven days a week. Tel: 01473 299621
- The Crown Health Centre, Haverhill. Open 8am to 8pm, seven days a week. Tel: 01440 282000. Visit www.suffolk.nhs.uk/servicelocator for further information.

A&E 999

Accident and Emergency departments should only be used in a critical or life-threatening situation. A&E departments provide immediate emergency care for people who show the symptoms of serious illness or are badly injured. Dialing 999 and stating a medical emergency will result in a response vehicle being sent to your location.

Your nearest A&E department is situated at:

- The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, Heath Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 5PD
Switchboard 01473 712233 www.ipswichhospital.net
- West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust, Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 2QZ.
Switchboard: 01284 713000 www.wsh.nhs.uk