

## Accessibility

Information from the Food Standards Agency is for everyone, regardless of ability, age, language or background. We are committed to ensuring our digital services are accessible to the widest possible range of people.

Our broad principles are as follows:

- The site aims to achieve overall compliance with the Web Accessibility Initiative's (WAI) guidelines, to meet priority 2 (AA) standards, and aims to conform to the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0.
- We aim to ensure our websites can be used and work well with assistive technologies, such as software that reads pages aloud.
- We will test sites across browsers to ensure they degrade gracefully and work on older browsers.
- We will monitor site performance to ensure that people on slower connections can access our site.
- We conducted user testing for accessibility during the development of the site, and we intend to involve users with a variety of disabilities in any future user testing we carry out on our websites.
- Looking for new innovative ways of offering rich media in an accessible way.

The accessibility guidelines we follow include:

- Allowing users to control text sizes.
- Using an easy-to-read font type.
- Ensuring suitable foreground and background colour contrast.
- Using clear and simple language.
- Providing meaningful text equivalents for pictures, where pictures contain information.
- Keeping pages clear and consistent.
- Providing simple, consistent site navigation.
- Ensuring all content and functionality is available to users without content style sheet (CSS), image and script support.

Maintaining an accessible site is an ongoing process and we are continually working to offer a user friendly experience. However, if you have any difficulties using this web site please [contact us](#)