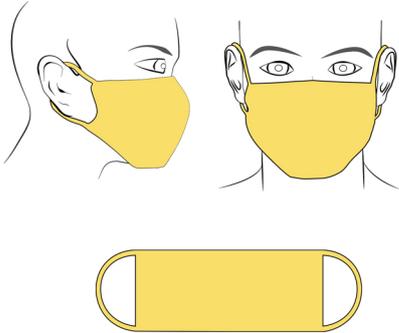


Minimise the spread of COVID-19, understanding the use of face coverings, facemasks and respirators

FACE COVERINGS Informal design, sometimes known as non-medical masks

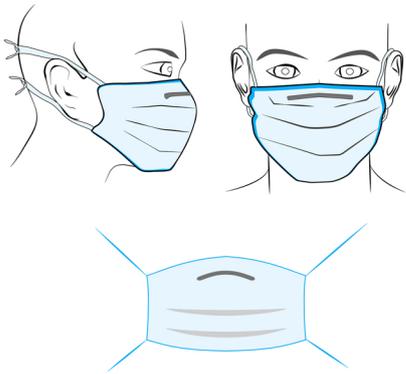


Intended to protect others by reducing transmission of droplets by the wearer
May provide some limited protection to the wearer from droplets
Self-made or commercial face covers made of cloth, other textiles or paper

Where to use

- ✔ **Required** by UK Gov for the public to wear in public transport, hospitals and retail premises in addition to social distancing
- ! **Recommended** by UK Gov for the public to wear in other public areas in addition to social distancing particularly where social distancing is hard to manage

SURGICAL FACEMASKS Also known as medical facemasks



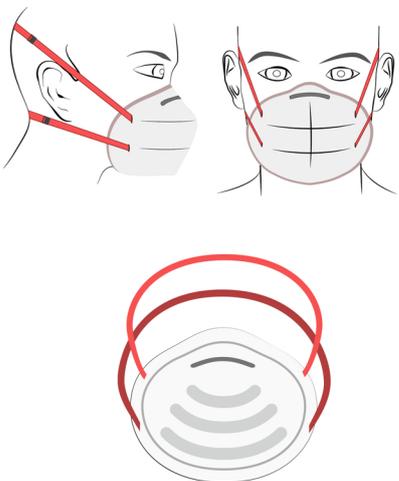
Designed to protect others by reducing transmission of droplets by the wearer
Fluid resistant version (Type IIR) will also provide protection to the wearer from droplets and liquid splashes

- Effectiveness will be improved with improved face seal
- No requirement for face fit testing
- CE marked by manufacture to standard EN14683

Where to use

- ✔ **Required** in NHS for all hospital staff except for aerosol generating procedures (AGP), (Type IIR) and for other health service workers and patients

RESPIRATORS Or filtering face piece (FFP)



Designed to protect the wearer from exposure to droplets and fine aerosols.

- Highest level of protection to wearer *
- Shaped design to fit the face
- Will only be effective if a good face-seal is achieved
- Requires face-fit testing, and training
- Branded and CE marked to EN149, specified as FFP3, FFP2, (and N95)
- May or may not have exhalation valve **

Where to use

- ✔ **Required** in health care settings for use in aerosol generating procedures (AGP) or when working in high risk acute care
- ! **Recommended** as additional protection in other occupational settings where risk assessment indicates that aerosol transmission is possible

* Higher levels of protection may be achieved using other forms of respirator including re-usable half masks and powered air purifying respirators (PAPR)

** Non-valved respirators will protect others by reducing transmission of droplets by the wearer