

Oxford University Hospitals

Salt and food labels

Checking labels can help you make better food choices. Often salt content is displayed in a traffic light system (below).

High	Moderate	Low
Over 1.5g salt per 100g or over 1.8g per portion	0.3 - 1.5g salt per 100g	Under 0.3g salt per 100g

Choose foods with more green coding and fewer with amber coding. Avoid foods with red coding.

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Processed foods will often have a high salt content. Examples of products to check include:

- · Ready meals
- Packet or stir in sauces
 Pre-packed sandwiches
- Breakfast cereals
- Dips such as hummus and salsa

- Pastries such as quiche and pies
- Condiments such as ketchup, brown sauce and gravy granules
- Cheese
- Soup

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