



Can someone come in with me for support?

Yes someone can come in with you if you need their support. They will need to stand with the radiographer to protect them from the radiation.



Will I have to wait a long time for my x-ray?

You may have to wait for your x-ray. This will depend on how busy the department is.



You will have to wait for the result of your x-ray. The radiographer will have to share it with a specialist who write will a report. The report will be given to the person who asked for you to have the x-ray.



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Having an x-ray



Why am I having an x-ray?



Your doctor has asked that you have an x-ray. This is because you have either:



- injured yourself



- been ill for a while



The doctor needs to see inside your body. We do this with an x-ray machine.

Will the x-ray hurt?



X-rays do not hurt. Making sure you are in the right position for the x-ray may hurt whilst you move around and hold a position.



The radiographer who will take your x-ray will be as quick as possible.

Are x-rays dangerous?



X-rays use radiation. One or two x-rays will not cause you any harm as they are done quickly.



When a radiographer takes an x-ray they stand behind a special lead lined window. This is to protect them from working with radiation all day.

Do I have to get undressed for my x-ray?



You may have to take off some of your clothes for your x-ray.



This depends on:

- how tight your clothing is
- whether your clothing can be rolled up or down
- how thick your clothing is



You will not be asked to stand there with no clothes on.