

Paracetamol restrictions in the UK

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Pharmacy (P) category so large packs of paracetamol can currently be purchased from supermarkets and grocery stores without the supervision of a pharmacist. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packs of paracetamol on general sale (e.g. supermarkets, convenience stores etc.) have been legally restricted to 16 tablets since 1998. • Larger packs can only be sold under the supervision of a pharmacist. • The sale or supply of more than 100 tablets at any one time is restricted to prescription control.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumers are often not aware of the active component in their medicine as paracetamol is referred to by a number of different names. This has been associated with accidental overdose in the US. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products clearly labelled to ensure people don't accidentally overdose by taking more than one product containing paracetamol. • Product advertising states the active ingredients and so will say if the product contains paracetamol. • Active ingredients are clearly displayed on the front of product packs. • Packs and patient information leaflets are user tested to ensure the information is presented clearly and in a way that people understand.

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