

# What if I need medication?



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When you arrive in Belgium, your employer will inform you of the nearest pharmacy in the municipality where you are staying. A pharmacy can be recognized by the green cross on the facade of the pharmacy.

## Can I just go inside a pharmacy?

Anyone may enter a pharmacy.

Some drugs you can purchase without a medical prescription such as vitamins or painkillers.

Some medicines require a medical prescription. Your doctor prescribes this electronically. In most cases, you will no longer receive a (printout of) a paper prescription. Your prescription is stored on your electronic identity card. Through your electronic identity card, the pharmacy can see which medication was prescribed.

## What is a medical prescription?

An electronic document showing what medication you need.

## What documents should I bring to a pharmacy?

- Your electronic identity card
- If you have received a medical prescription, bring it with you as well.

If you do not have an electronic ID card, you can bring an ISI+ card, a yellow sticker or your national or bi-registry number.

## What do I have to pay in a pharmacy?

For some medications you have to pay the full price yourself and for some medications there is an intervention of the health insurance.

The family doctor and pharmacy can inform you about this.

The pharmacy sometimes charges only your own share. The rest of the price the pharmacy will then settle directly with the health insurance company. So it is very important to be affiliated with a health insurance fund.

The pharmacy will ask for your identification card in some cases.

## What if I need medication on the weekend?

If your pharmacy is not open on weekends, you can visit the pharmacy on duty. There is a pharmacy on duty in every region.

Through your employer or via the Internet, you can find the pharmacy on duty.

## Tips

- Always bring your identification card and medical prescription with you to the pharmacy.
- Strictly follow the dosage for each drug.