

## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

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# Hip precautions

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Following some operations on your hip, there are specific precautions you must follow to reduce the risk of dislocation whilst the hip heals. Dislocation can occur due to the tendons and ligaments in the hip becoming less rigid following surgery and it is important to give them time to stabilise again. The risk of dislocation is low, but it can happen, so it is important to follow these precautions for a minimum of **12 weeks** following your operation:

1) **Do not bend the hip past 90 degrees**

This includes picking things up from the floor or sitting on chairs that are too low.



2) **Do not cross the legs at your ankles or knees**

Avoid crossing your legs when you are lying, sitting or standing. You can avoid this by putting a pillow between your legs when sleeping.



3) **No twisting or pivoting on the leg**

Avoid twisting your leg inwards or outwards when standing, sitting and lying. When walking, make sure you step around rather than twisting to change direction or look behind you.



If you have any queries or concerns, please ask your therapy team.

## Further sources of information

NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

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