

Rules, permission, advice

Positive - DO IT

Permission

It is **allowed**

It is **permitted**

You **can** (informal)

You **are allowed to** (formal)

You **may** (very formal)

Advice / an opinion

It is **recommended**

It is a **good idea**

You **should** (+)

You **must** (+++)

Rule / Necessity

It is **necessary**

It is **required**

You **are supposed to** (+)

You **'ve got to** (++)

You **have to** (++)

Negative - DON'T DO IT

No rule / No necessity

It is **optional**

It is **not necessary**

It is **not required**

You **don't have to**

Advice

It is **not recommended**

It is a **bad idea**

You **shouldn't** (+)

You **mustn't** (+++)

Rule

It is **not allowed** (++)

It is **prohibited** (+++)

It is **forbidden** (+++)

You **are not supposed to** (+)

You **can't** - informal (++)

You **are not allowed to** - formal (++)

Questions

Is it allowed?

Can I go now?

May I go now?
(very formal)

I want you to...

Can you help me?
(very informal)

Could you help
me?

do you want me to...?

Shall I open the
window?

Shall we take a
break?

What do you think?

Should I sell the
car?

Is it necessary?

Do I have to sit
here?

What are the rules?

Do I have to wear
a tie?