

# Breast Cancer Screening Saves Lives

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## Are you eligible for free breast cancer screening?

- ✓ Woman aged 50-70?
- ✓ Registered with a GP?
- ✗ Received breast cancer screening in the last 3 years?



## Why is breast cancer screening important?

It is estimated that in the UK Breast Cancer Screening **saves around 1,300 lives a year.**

When diagnosed at its earliest stage, **98% of people with breast cancer will survive for five years or more**, in comparison to 26% of people when the disease is diagnosed at the latest stage.

- Early detection means that:
- You're **treatment is more likely to be successful**
  - It is **less likely you will have to have your breast removed**
  - You're **more likely to be cured**

## Did You Know?...



1 in 8 women are diagnosed with breast cancer



85% of women diagnosed with breast cancer have **no familial history**



Breast cancer is the most common cancer in UK females, with around **55,500 new cases every year**

## What does the screening process involve?

The screening is usually done by 1 or 2 female mammographers.



The entire appointment will generally last half an hour, with the mammograms (breast X-Rays) themselves only taking a few minutes.

During the screening you will have 2 mammograms for each breast: The mammographer will place your breast onto the X-ray machines between 2 pieces of plastic where it is held while the X-rays are taken.

- This takes a few seconds, after which your breast is then taken off of the machine.
- The X-ray machine is then tilted to one side and the process is repeated on the side of your breast.



After the appointment you will receive your results in the post and these will tell you if there any any signs of breast cancer.

References: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/breast-screening-mammogram/>

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/breast-cancer/getting-diagnosed/screening/breast-screening>