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# Proper Handshake Etiquette in 14 Countries

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**UNITED KINGDOM**

Light handshake; after shaking hands, do not stand or speak too close.

The infographic features a black header with the United Kingdom flag and the text 'UNITED KINGDOM'. Below this, a purple box contains the text 'Light handshake; after shaking hands, do not stand or speak too close.' To the right, a diagram shows two hands shaking, with a vertical ruler placed between them to indicate a specific distance to maintain.

Every country has its own customs, so it's important to brush up before going to new place. Sometimes even the simplest things—like handshakes—can be entirely different. [Business Insider](#) put together this infographic about greetings around the world:

# HANDSHAKES AROUND THE WORLD

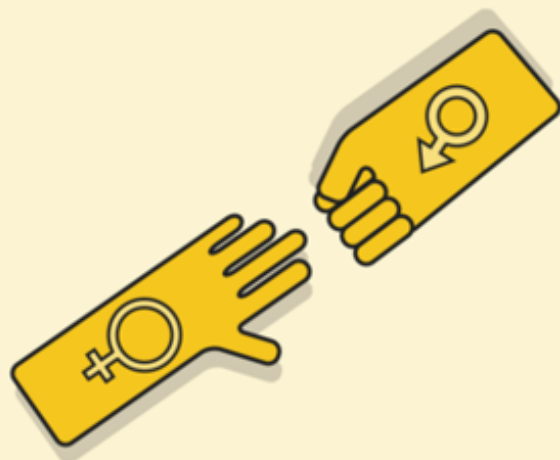
## UNITED STATES

Introduce yourself by name with a firm handshake.



## AUSTRALIA

If you're a woman shaking a man's hand, offer your hand first; women do not shake hands with other women.



## MOROCCO

Gentle handshake; shake only if you're the same gender.



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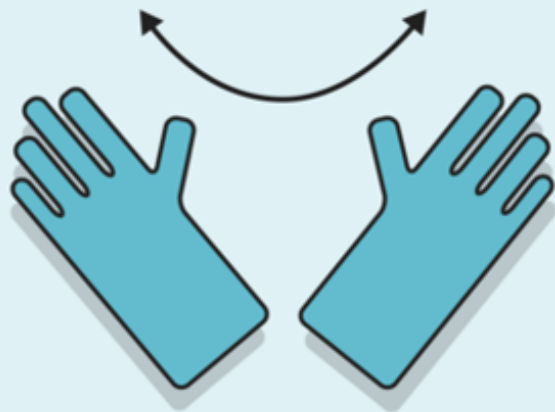
 **RUSSIA**

Don't shake hands with the opposite sex, unless it's a business situation; a man should kiss a woman's hand.



 **MEXICO**

Long-lasting handshake; if you're a man, it could be followed by a hug.



 **SOUTH KOREA**

The most senior person starts the shake; use



a soft grip.



 **TURKEY**

Firm shakes are rude;  
hold the hand for a  
long time.



 **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

Start by shaking the  
hand of the oldest  
person; a lingering  
shake is expected; do  
not pull away too soon.



 **BRAZIL**

Firm handshake that  
lasts long; mix in strong

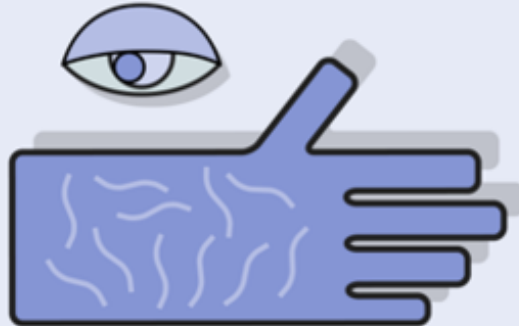


eye contact; repeat when you leave.



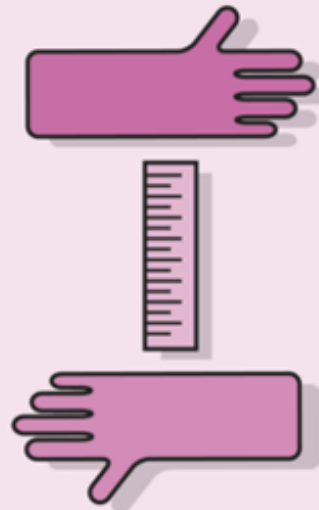
 CHINA

Age matters. Greet oldest first; grip lightly and bow slightly; no direct eye contact.



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 THAILAND

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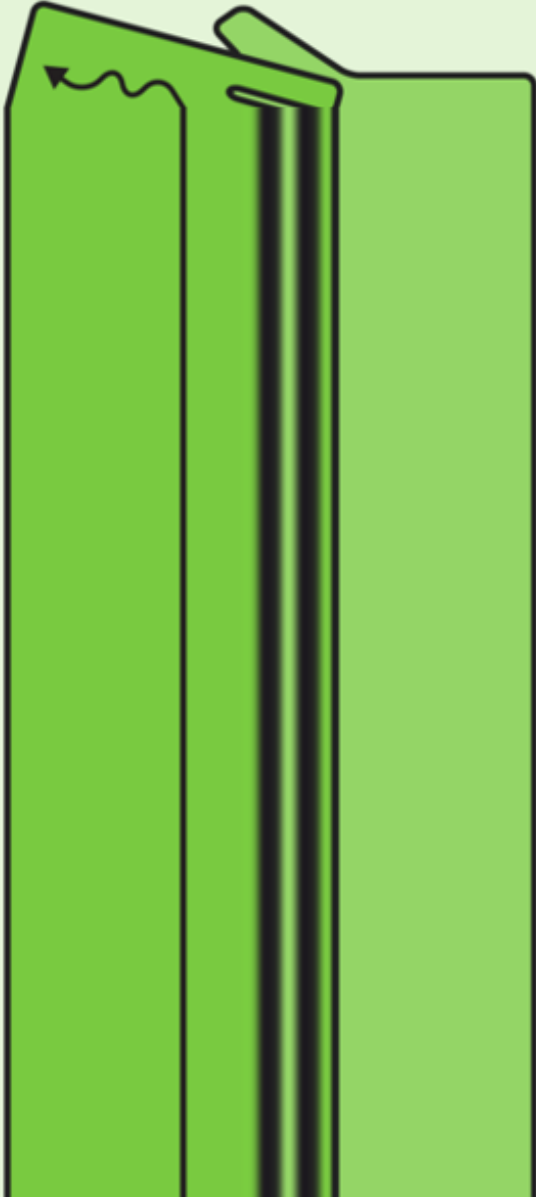


The person will place his or her palms together at chest level and bow; return the gesture.



 **FRANCE**

Shake quickly



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