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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.

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Every country has its own customs, so it's important to brush up before going to a 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

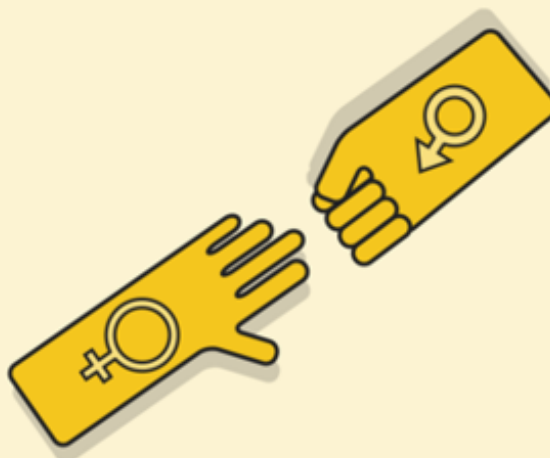
UNITED STATES

Introduce yourself by name with a firm handshake.



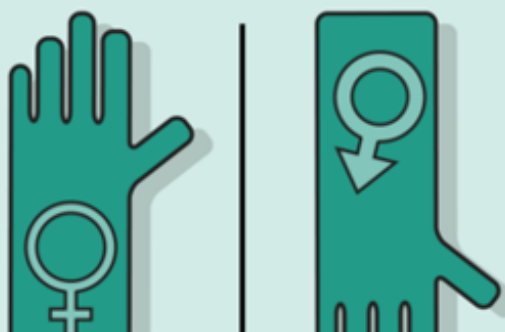
AUSTRALIA

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



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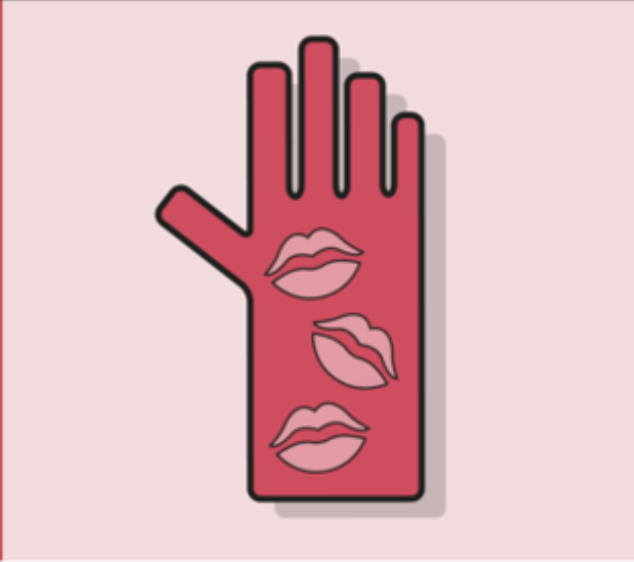
Gentle handshake; shake only if you're the same gender.





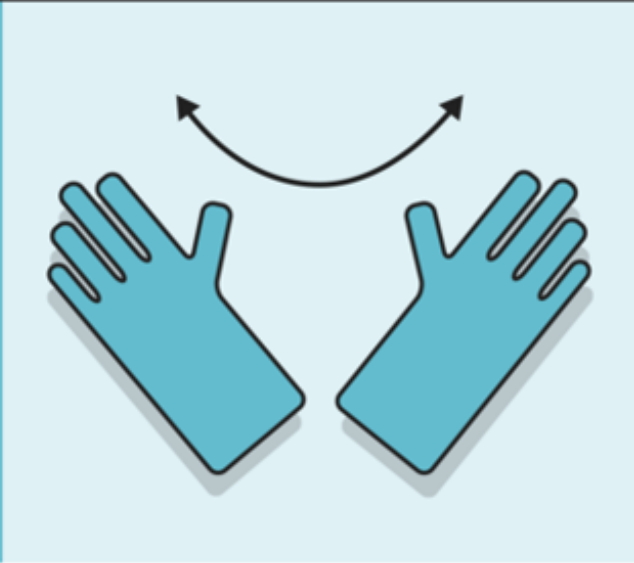
 **RUSSIA**

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



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 **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**

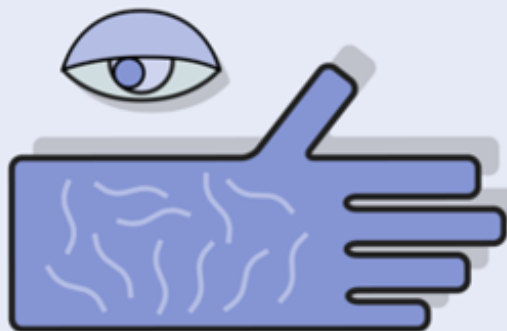


eye contact; repeat when you leave.



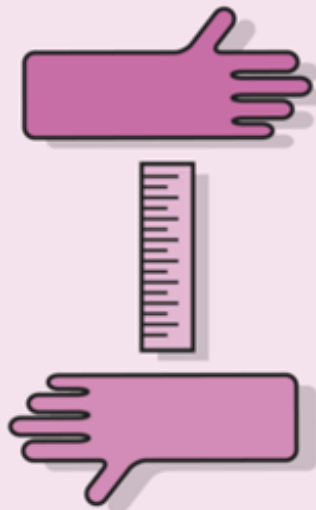
 CHINA

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



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 THAILAND

Don't shake hands. The person will place



his or her palms together at chest level and bow; return the gesture.



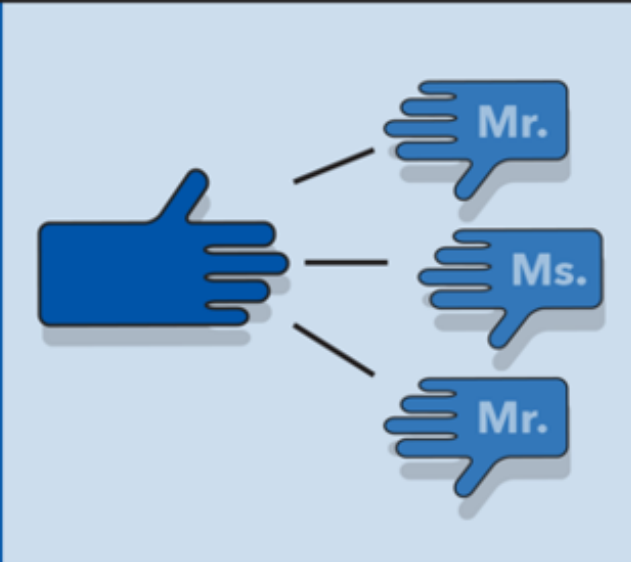
 **FRANCE**

Shake quickly and lightly.



 **SWITZERLAND**

Shake hands with everyone and use a title – such as Ms. or Mr. – followed by his or her last name.



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