

Others Can Help You Shop with Your WIC Card

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You can have a person you trust help you shop for your WIC foods.

If you trust another person to use your WIC card:

- Explain the rules and how to use the WIC card.
- Provide them with your card and PIN.
- Direct them to shop at a WIC-approved store.
- The shopper should group WIC foods together to keep track of the WIC purchase.
- WIC **will not** be able to replace your WIC foods if that person picks a wrong item or doesn't bring all the foods to you.
- A trusted person can pick up a Hy-Vee Aisles Online order for you. You can place the online Hy-Vee order and have them pick it up and bring it to you (see [WIC Online Shopping at Hy-Vee WIC Online Shopping at Hy-Vee \(PDF\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/vendor/online2.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/vendor/online2.pdf>) for information).

Tips for WIC purchases

- Shop at WIC-approved stores for WIC allowed foods.
- Use the Minnesota WIC App to scan foods to see if they are allowed and in your benefits.
- Keep your WIC card and PIN safe. Only share your PIN with those you allow to use your card.

Rules and reminders when shopping

- Keep your card away from magnets and electronics to prevent damage.
- Use your WIC card FIRST, then SNAP EBT (if you have it), and then credit card, debit card, or other forms of payment.
- The checkout process can differ between stores – ask the cashier when to swipe your card if you need to separate your WIC foods.
- Review the receipt before approving the WIC purchase.
- Do not exchange or return WIC foods or formula for cash, credit, or other items.

Keep your WIC card safe

- Do not write your PIN on the WIC card.
- Do not sell, or offer to sell, trade, or give away your WIC card, foods or formula.
- If you have a trusted person use your card, have them return the card to you after the purchase. Consider changing your PIN.
- Notify your WIC clinic if your card is lost, stolen, or destroyed.

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