

precaution

[prɪ'kɔːʃ(ə)n] *n*

- 1) предосторожность; предусмотрительность
 - 2) мера предосторожности
- to take precautions against fire - принять меры предосторожности против пожара
 she took an umbrella as a precaution - она предусмотрительно взяла с собою зонтик

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pre-cau-tion [precaution precautions] *BrE* [prɪ'kɔːʃ(ə)n] *NAmE* [prɪ'kɔːʃ(ə)n]

noun usually plural

1. ~ (against sth) something that is done in advance in order to prevent problems or to avoid danger
 - safety precautions
 - precautions against fire
 - You must **take all reasonable precautions** to protect yourself and your family.
 - I'll keep the letter **as a precaution** .
 2. **precautions plural** a way of referring to ↑contraception
 - We didn't **take any precautions** and I got pregnant.
- Derived Word ↑precautionary

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'prudent foresight'): from French **précaution**, from late Latin **praecautio(n-)**, from Latin **praecavere** from **prae** 'before' + **cavere** 'take heed, beware of'.

Thesaurus:

- precaution** *noun C*
- Safety precautions must be taken to prevent injury.
- safeguard** • *BrE* **defence** • *AmE* **defense** •
 a precaution/safeguard/defence **against** sth
as a precaution/safeguard/defence
 an **adequate** precaution/safeguard/defence

Example Bank:

- I took the precaution of turning the water supply off first.
- Remember to use all necessary safety precautions.
- She had to stay in hospital overnight, just as a precaution.
- Staff are expected to take reasonable precautions for their own safety.
- We take every precaution to ensure that you have a comfortable journey.
- We take every precaution to ensure your safety.
- You'll be quite safe if you observe certain basic precautions.
- a precaution against customers who try to leave without paying
- the need to take great precautions to protect sources
- I'll keep the letter as a precaution.
- Residents have a responsibility to take adequate precautions against fire.
- Serious injury can occur if proper safety precautions are not followed.
- You must take all reasonable precautions to protect yourself.

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pre-cau-tion /prɪ'kɔːʃ(ə)n \$ -'kɔːʃ- *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable usually plural]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: French; Origin: précaution, from Latin, from praecavere 'to guard against']

something you do in order to prevent something dangerous or unpleasant from happening:

- Fire precautions were neglected.
- as a precaution**
- The traffic barriers were put there as a safety precaution.
- precaution against**
- Save your work often as a precaution against computer failure.
- wise/sensible precaution**
- The trails are well marked, but carrying a map is a wise precaution.
- Vets took precautions to prevent the spread of the disease.
- take the precaution of doing something**
- I took the precaution of insuring my camera.

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In everyday English, people usually say **just in case** rather than **as a precaution** :
 • I'm going to take my umbrella just in case.
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COLLOCATIONS

- **verbs**
 - **take a precaution** We had taken the precaution of turning the water off.
- **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + precaution**
 - **a sensible/wise precaution** Fitting window locks is a sensible precaution.

- **a simple precaution** You can easily reduce the risk of theft by taking a few simple precautions.
- **a necessary precaution** He justified his secrecy as a necessary precaution.
- **a reasonable precaution** You must take all reasonable precautions to safeguard official property.
- **adequate /proper precautions** Companies have a legal responsibility to take adequate precautions against fire.
- **basic/elementary precautions** Your home could be at risk if you don't take some basic precautions.
- **elaborate precautions** (=a lot of detailed precautions) Elaborate precautions were taken to avoid disputes between the representatives.
- **a safety precaution** Both areas were cordoned off as a safety precaution.
- **a security precaution** The threat of terrorist attacks has prompted some elaborate security precautions.

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