



Focus States

What is it for?

Focus states occur when we focus on an interactive element. Interactive elements include links, buttons, and input fields. You can focus on an element by clicking something that doesn't navigate away or change your focus, or by using your keyboard and pressing the Tab key until that element is selected.

Focus states must follow all recommended accessibility guidelines. For instance, if a user with low vision uses a screen magnifier, then they may not be able to see context, so link or button text needs to be descriptive.

How to support it

If you're building or designing a new component, ensure that focus states are defined, following all accessibility guidelines (e.g. colour contrast, tap target size, descriptive text, etc.).

Useful Links

[Understanding focus state styles](#)

[Wise - Focus states](#)

[Focusing on focus states](#)