



Focus Traps

What is it for?

Focus traps are when a keyboard user tries to tab away from a page element (or set of elements), but is unable to do so. There are cases where this is incredibly useful (such as when using modals), but in most cases, focus traps are frustrating to the user. Effectively, a user's focus gets trapped, hence the name 'focus trap'.

How to support it

In most cases, you'll want to be avoiding focus traps. They can be implemented accidentally, so it's always important to test your pages by using the keyboard only before any changes go live.

If you genuinely want a focus trap, use a pre-built accessible component like a Modal, which handles focus trap behaviour automatically.

Useful Links

[Understanding focus state styles](#)

[Wise - Focus states](#)

[Focusing on focus states](#)