

NO EXCHANGE / NO REFUND?

WHAT THE CONSUMER NEEDS TO KNOW

- I have changed my mind; you must give me my money back.
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- I don't have to accept a credit note for faulty goods.
 The customer has a right to a refund or repair. They may choose to accept a credit note if they want to buy other goods from you.
- The goods are faulty, I don't want to choose something else, and I want a refund.
 Where the customer has a right to a refund, they need only accept a replacement if that's what they want.
- o **It doesn't matter that there isn't a guarantee or warranty. My rights are with you.** The law gives the customer rights against the seller over and above any guarantee or warranty.
- You cannot put up a notice saying No Refunds.
 These notices are illegal and you cannot take away the customer's right.
- o If it doesn't fit, or I do not like the colour I am entitled to a refund. I saw the same product next door for \$50.00 less.

In this case the customer is not entitled to a refund. Customers must be prudent and "shop around" if they want a bargain.

- Even though the goods are secondhand I still have rights.
 Secondhand goods must be in a reasonable condition for their age and price.
- I don't have to deal with the manufacturer over faulty goods.
 The retailer is responsible for goods.
- o **It doesn't matter that I bought them in a sale. I still have rights.** The same rules apply equally to sale and non-sale goods.
- $\circ~$ I am entitled to claim compensation from you for the clothes damaged by the faulty washing machine which I purchased from your store.
 - If faulty goods cause damage to other goods, the customer can claim compensation.
- Although it was sold as a second it should still work and do its job properly. These faults were not pointed out to me at the time.

The customer cannot complain about faults that were pointed out at the time of sale, but still has rights if other faults become apparent after purchase.

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