

Major Supermarket Bans Candy from Checkouts

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A major supermarket in the UK will soon remove all candy and chocolates from near its checkouts. The supermarket giant Tesco said that from the end of this year, there will be no sweets or chocolates next to customers waiting to pay for their food. This is because it wants its customers to be healthier. Tesco did a lot of research on the best place to put things in its stores. It said that two-thirds of its customers thought it was a good idea to remove candies and chocolates from in front of the checkouts. Tesco's chief executive Philip Clarke said: "We all know how easy it is to be tempted by sugary snacks at the checkout, and we want to help our customers lead healthier lives."

Britain's Public Health Minister Jane Ellison welcomed Tesco's idea. She said it would help tackle obesity and poor health. She said: "This initiative will help people to make healthier choices, which all contributes to reducing the long-term cost to our nation of obesity and ill-health." A spokeswoman from the parenting website MumsNet.com told the BBC that Tesco's move was "positive" and would make life "that little bit easier". She said: "Popping into a shop with a small child...can sometimes feel like navigating an assault course." She was happy that Tesco listened to people, saying: "It's really positive to see a supermarket responding to the views of their customers."

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