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HOW CAN I KEEP THE CLASP ON A NECKLACE FROM SLIDING BACK TO THE FRONT?

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You put on your necklace in the morning, and ten minutes later, the clasp is sliding down to your chest. Annoying, isn't it? Good news: a clasp that slides to the front isn't inevitable. Whether you're wearing a ready-made necklace or making one yourself, a few adjustments are all it takes to keep it in the back. Here's why it moves and how to keep it in place.

Why does a necklace clasp slide to the front?

A necklace moves freely around your neck. As it moves, the heaviest part always shifts toward the front. If the clasp and extension chain weigh more than the rest of the necklace, they're the ones that slide forward.
Several factors contribute to this problem:
• a clasp that's too large for the delicacy of the chain;
• an extension chain that adds weight to the back;
• a necklace that's too long, with slack around the neck;
• a very smooth chain that slides over the skin and clothing;
• a front section that's too light, with no pendant or central bead.
Good news: each of these issues can be easily fixed.

4 Tips for Keeping the Clasp in the Back

1. Add weight to the front of the necklace

The principle is simple: to prevent it from sliding, the front of your necklace must be heavier than the back.
• If you're wearing a simple necklace: add a charm or a pendant. This will easily add weight to the front and reduce the risk of the clasp sliding toward the front of the necklace.
• If you're making a beaded necklace: opt for a cascading design (place the largest or heaviest beads in the center and the thinnest ones near the end caps).



2. Choose a lighter clasp

A clasp that's proportionate to the chain is more discreet and, above all, lighter. On a delicate necklace, a small Lobster Clasp or spring clasp is more than enough. Avoid large clasps on delicate designs: they pull the necklace downward and cause it to twist.

3. Shorten the extension chain

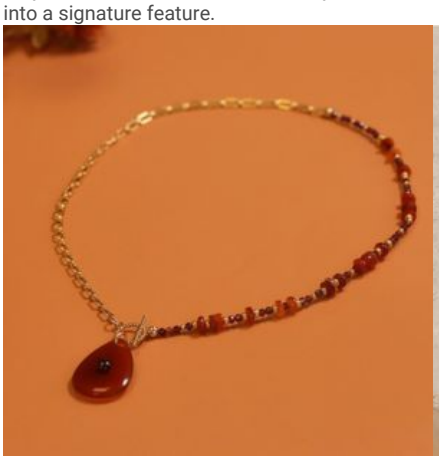
The extension chain and its small charm hang right next to the clasp: all that weight is concentrated at the back and pulls the necklace forward. Two simple tips:
• Shorten the chain. If you don't need to adjust the length, remove it. Otherwise, cut it down to leave only 3 to 5 cm.
• Replace the heavy charm with a lightweight one. A small bead or a delicate charm will do. Save the more statement-making charms for the front of the necklace.

4. Adjusting the Necklace Length

A snug-fitting necklace allows for much less freedom of movement. Before buying or designing your piece of jewelry, measure your neck circumference precisely with a measuring tape:
• Choker length: approximately 30 cm.
• Princess (classic) length: approximately 43 to 45 cm.
If needed, we've listed all necklace sizes in our technical guide!

Bonus: What if you intentionally placed the clasp at the front?

Why hide it when it can become a stylish detail? A T-clasp looks great at the front. It's an idea worth trying for a choker or a custom design: you're turning a flaw into a signature feature.







Result



