OBLIGATION AND NECESSITY

• MUST / HAVE TO (+INF)

You must go to school. You have to be 18 to drive a car.

Have to is not a modal verb. It can be used in all tenses and it refers to all kinds of obligation. Must is a modal verb and it can only be used in the present (positives and questions). Have to and must share a similar meaning but must is especially used when the speaker sees the action as a personal obligation.

NEED TO (+INF)

Need to is also used in all tenses.

I need to clean my room.

PROHIBITION

• MUSTN'T + (inf)

You mustn't smoke in hospitals.

ADVICE

• SHOULD / SHOULDN'T + (inf)

You should do more physical exercise. You shouldn't smoke so much.

• OUGHT TO (+INF)

You ought to exercise regularly.
You ought not to smoke so much. (oughtn't)

MUST / HAVE TO (+ INF)
 can be used to give strong advice when we think it is important to sb. (recommendation)

You must see the film!

MODAL VERBS

NO OBLIGATION OR NECESSITY-

THERE IS NO OBLIGATION OR NEED TO DO STH

- DON'T /DOESN'T HAVE TO (+ inf)
 You don't have to come so early, you can come at nine.
- DON'T NEED TO / DOESN'T NEED TO (+ INF)
 You don't need to worry, everything is under control.
 - NEEDN'T (+ inf)
 You needn't come back tomorrow