

# CAUSE FOR + NOUN

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A reason to feel something or to behave in a particular way:

## *Cause for :*

alarm , celebration, complaint, concern, optimism, worry, etc.

## *There is cause for :*

- **There is no cause for alarm.**
- Although there is no reason to panic, **there is cause for serious concern**

## *Something/someone gives cause for:*

- He's never **given** me any **cause for concern**.
- The present political climate **gives** little **cause for optimism**.
- The patient's condition is **giving cause for concern**.

## *Have cause for :*

- The food was excellent—I **had** no **cause for complaint**.
- Judging from your exam results, I think you **have cause for** cautious optimism about getting a university place.

We normally use "cause", meaning reason, as an uncountable noun. However, we can use the countable form when we want to emphasize that there is a reason in particular.

- The good news was **a cause for rejoicing**.
- The victory was **a cause for great celebration**.