



protect your animals and produce from pests and disease

Biosecurity guidelines when entering farms or animal facilities

Biosecurity is everyone's responsibility. Good biosecurity protects businesses and jobs in primary production and related industries such as eco-tourism, hospitality and travel.

Utility workers, contractors, volunteers and community support providers (and anyone else visiting properties) need to be aware of basic biosecurity measures. Even if a disease cannot infect humans, people can still transfer disease to livestock without realising.

These guidelines apply when visiting farms or animal facilities such as saleyards, stables, kennels, abattoirs and catteries. If followed they will help minimise the risk of spreading infectious diseases such as equine influenza and foot and mouth disease.

What's the risk?

People - can carry disease-causing organisms - clothes, shoes, hands and even nasal passages can harbour organisms.

Vehicles - Tyres and the undercarriage of a vehicle can pick up dirt or manure which contains disease causing organisms.

Equipment - equipment can carry disease to livestock. This is even more likely if it is equipment used regularly on or near animals.

What you need to know

- Avoid all unnecessary contact with livestock.
- Consider boots, shoes, work clothes and overalls - do they need to be cleaned or changed?
- Wash hands after contact with any farm animal, including working dogs and pets.
- As vehicles are hard to clean, park your vehicles away from places that are trafficked by animals, such as sheds, livestock thoroughfares and paddocks. Where possible leave vehicles at gate to property.
- Avoid moving soil (including on your boots) from property to property.
- Check that equipment used with stock is properly cleaned and disinfected.
- Keep informed - know about disease issues in your district and observe all biosecurity measures in place

If you spot unexpected or unusual signs of disease, abnormal behaviour or unexpected deaths in animals, act immediately. Call a veterinarian, local government animal health authority or the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888**. For more information go to www.daff.gov.au/biosecurity