



# PROTECT YOUR BIRDS

Stringent biosecurity is vital to reduce the risk of the Avian Influenza virus infecting your birds. Use the following top tips to review your biosecurity protocols and make sure you are doing all you can to protect your birds from this notifiable disease...

## BUILDINGS



- Well maintained roofs
- Wild bird and vermin proof
- Well ventilated
- No water ingress



## BEDDING



- Keep undercover and away from wild birds
- Disinfect outer wrapper before entering shed
- Unwrap immediately before entering shed if possible
- Cleanse and disinfect vehicles before entering shed

## STAFF

- Must use site specific boots and clothing
- Must use shed specific PPE
- Avoid sharing staff between sites
- If this is unavoidable, ensure thorough cleansing and disinfection in between
- Provide regular training on biosecurity for all staff and test their understanding of protocols



## VEHICLES



- Keep accurate, well maintained records of all vehicles coming on or off site
- Provide signage on cleansing and disinfection requirements
- Provide facilities for cleansing and disinfection of vehicles

## SITE

- Should be clear of moss
- Clean yards with no pooled water
- Net nearby bodies of standing water
- Restrict access – ensure all doors and gates are locked
- Rodent control is essential



## EQUIPMENT

- Avoid sharing equipment between sites and sheds
- If this is unavoidable, ensure thorough cleansing and disinfection in between



## VISITORS

- Limit site access to essential visitors only
- Keep accurate, well maintained records
- Instruct and supervise visitors on biosecurity requirements, display clear signage
- Provide facilities for cleansing and disinfection of footwear
- Provide PPE such as overalls and footwear



## GENERAL

- Use DEFRA-approved disinfectants at correct dilution rates
- Effective foot dip management
- Minimise the number of vehicles and people on site to essential only



More information on Avian Influenza can be found at

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