

H5 bird flu

Know your risks



Contagious viral disease that mainly affects birds. It can also affect other animals and, on rare occasions, humans.



Prevent contact between wild and domestic birds to reduce disease spread.



Contact your vet if your birds are unwell.



Report signs of sickness or death in multiple birds to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline



1800 675 888



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Best practice for poultry and bird keepers

- ✓ Keep free-ranging birds in enclosed areas to minimise contact with wild birds, neighbouring poultry or captive birds.
- ✓ Inspect outdoor areas, removing wild bird contaminants like faeces, feathers and wild bird carcasses.
- ✓ Fence off or put netting over areas of standing water or ponds. Provide feed and water undercover, so wild birds can't access it.
- ✓ Make your premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.
- ✓ Keep ducks and geese separate from other poultry.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, place foot dips containing disinfectant at all entry and exit points.
- ✓ Store bedding under cover to reduce the risk of contamination.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- ✓ Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- ✓ Keep records of poultry, captive bird and egg movements.
- ✓ Maintain buildings that house birds to prevent water getting in. Ensure pest control is effective.



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