



## Wild birds and poultry don't mix!

### Wild birds (especially water birds) can spread avian influenza to poultry.

If poultry have contact with infected wild birds, or wild birds contaminate their environment (e.g. their coop or poultry run, water or feed), poultry can develop avian influenza.

#### Reduce the risk of avian influenza with these biosecurity steps:

1. Use sheds, other secure enclosures or netting to keep poultry away from wild birds.
2. Keep feed and water containers under cover where wild birds cannot access them.
3. Clean up feed spills immediately to discourage wild birds.
4. Regularly clean and disinfect poultry feed and water containers, equipment and vehicles.
5. Provide drainage in poultry enclosures to prevent water pooling.
6. Sanitise river or dam water for poultry use.
7. Use netting, mesh and deterrents to prevent wild birds roosting near your poultry.
8. Prevent your poultry using open ponds, lakes and creeks.
9. Limit visitors to your birds. People visiting areas where wild birds congregate can bring in the disease on their boots or clothing.
10. Wash your hands and wear clean clothing and boots before visiting your poultry.
11. Only buy new birds from reputable breeders and quarantine them for 30 days.
12. Have a plan for keeping your poultry enclosed if avian influenza occurs in your area.

## What should I do if I have sick or dead birds?

Contact your local veterinarian, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) veterinarian, or call the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on **1800 675 888**.

## Where can I get more information?

Topic	Source	QR code to webpage
<b>Avian influenza</b>	DPIRD	
<b>Current outbreaks of avian influenza in Australia</b>	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	
<b>H5 avian influenza (H5 bird flu)</b> (not present in Australia, but may occur in the future)	DPIRD	
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