

Do you keep chickens, ducks, geese...?

Help protect your birds from the risk of **#birdflu**

New housing measures to protect poultry and captive birds from avian influenza will come into force on Monday 29 November 2021. It will be a legal requirement for all bird keepers across the UK to keep their birds indoors and to follow strict biosecurity measures in order to limit the spread of and eradicate the disease.

From **Monday 29 November** onwards you will be legally required to keep your birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds.

Poultry keepers must now do the following:

- House or net all poultry and captive birds to keep them separate from wild birds.
- Minimise direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds.



- Cleanse and disinfect clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing.
- Reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimize contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and use effective vermin control.
- Thoroughly cleanse and disinfect housing on a continuous basis.
- Keep fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all farm and poultry housing entry and exit points.



- Do not touch or pick up any dead or sick birds that you find. If you find dead swans, geese or ducks or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, you should report them to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77.



For further information :

www.gov.uk/government/news/bird-flu-latest-situation-avian-influenza-prevention-zone-declared-across-great-britain



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