



Wild birds and poultry don't mix!

Wild birds (especially water birds) can spread avian influenza ('bird flu') 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 steps:

1. Use secure enclosures with a roof and netting to keep poultry away from wild birds and their faeces (droppings).
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 and the coop.
5. Prevent your poultry visiting dams, lakes and creeks and feeding where wild birds gather and defaecate.
6. If using river or dam water for poultry, treat it first.
7. Use netting, mesh and deterrents to prevent wild birds roosting near your poultry.
8. Wash your hands, clean your boots and wear clean clothing before visiting your poultry.
9. Limit visitors to your birds and ensure they have clean hands, shoes and clothing.
10. Only buy birds from reputable breeders and quarantine them for 30 days.
11. Do not share equipment with other bird keepers unless thoroughly cleaned and disinfected first.
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**.

More information

- **H5 bird flu in Western Australia:** wa.gov.au/birdflu
- **National bird flu information:** birdflu.gov.au
- **Poultry biosecurity:** dpiird.wa.gov.au/poultry-biosecurity

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