

Visitor biosecurity risk assessment tool



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The following is an example of the types of questions you might use in undertaking a biosecurity risk assessment with someone visiting or conducting business on your farm. It also provides examples of the types of actions which could be taken to reduce the risk.

Name, company and contact details: _____

What is the purpose of your visit? _____

Activity/reason for visit						Zone entering (determined by owner)
Visit house social						
Delivering of farm inputs; eg. seed, chemical, fertilizer	House	Office	Shed	Silos	Other	
Picking up goods or produce	House	Office	Shed	Silos	Other	
Inspecting crops or stock						
Inspecting or maintain other structures at the request of the property owner	Eg. machinery, building or fence maintenance, contractor					
Undertaking an activity not at request of property owner	Eg. utility provider, feral animal shooter, fishing, camping					

Have you been overseas in the last seven days? If yes, please answer below:

What country are you visiting/returning from?	
Were you on a farm or in contact with any crops or animals in that country?	
How long is it since you left/were in contact with crops or on a farm overseas?	
Were you wearing any of the clothing you are currently wearing (including hat and shoes) overseas in the last seven days?	

If not an overseas visitor or have not recently returned from overseas (yes/no/details):

Have you visited any other crops or farms in Australia in the last seven days?	
If yes where have you been and were you wearing any of the clothing you are currently wearing (including hat and shoes)?	

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Risk Assessment Matrix:*

Requires access to	Access Zone (no contact with crops or cropping area)	Separation Zone (minimal contact with crops or cropping area) #	Production Zone (contact with crops or cropping area) \$
Recent activities			
Not been overseas or in contact with crops or animals in last seven days	LOW	LOW/medium	Medium
Travelled overseas in last seven days but no contact with crops	LOW	LOW/medium	Medium
Not travelled overseas in last seven days but been in contact with crops	LOW	Medium	Medium/high
Travelled overseas and in contact with crops within last seven days	LOW	Medium	HIGH

If a visitor rates LOW RISK, no action is required other than signing the visitor register.

If a visitor rates MEDIUM-LOW or MEDIUM risk, consider if any risk mitigation procedures are appropriate.

If a visitor rates MEDIUM-HIGH or HIGH risk, appropriate risk mitigation actions should be taken, such as providing shoes or clothing or not allowing them into the cropping areas of the property.

* Please note that the above risk assessment is focussed on the person and when undertaking a biosecurity risk assessment you should also undertake an assessment of the vehicle and any equipment that a visitor may bring onto the property.

Examples of a warm or separation zone on a broadacre cropping farm could include around silos, office, machinery sheds, on formed up roads and other regularly used facilities.

\$ The hot or production zone usually includes the productive areas of the property where direct contact will be made with crops or stock. The zone also includes water sources which should be restricted to essential access only or strict hygiene protocols.

**If you see anything unusual,
call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline**

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1800 084 881

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