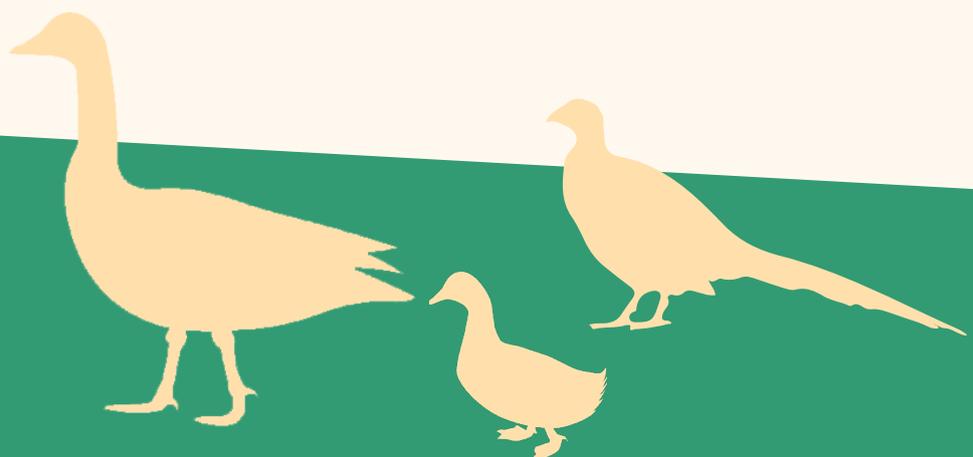


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Essential biosecurity and housing requirements for keepers of ducks, geese and game birds

- ✓ House your ducks and geese. If you do not have purpose-built housing you could use a garden shed or polytunnel, as long as there is adequate light, space and ventilation.
- ✓ Ensure there are no leaks or other forms of water ingress to the building.
- ✓ Seek guidance from your vet if you have concerns regarding your birds' health and welfare needs due to new housing requirements.
- ✓ If it is impossible for you to completely house your birds, you must separate them from wild birds. Provide an enclosure or temporary structure that is fully netted (holes no greater than 2-5cm diameter).
- ✓ If there are any gaps in your housing where wild birds could get in, block them, or cover with netting.
- ✓ Partially enclosed birds must be kept separate from any fully housed birds.
- ✓ Feed and water must be provided indoors or undercover.
- ✓ To allow preening, provide water in a way that allows immersion of the head, whilst minimizing water spillage. Ensure wild birds cannot access.



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- ✓ Store bedding inside to reduce the risk of contamination.
- ✓ If you can't cover or net large ranging areas for birds immediately, prevent access to ponds, standing water or waterlogged land and gradually reduce the ranging area available.
- ✓ Make your entire premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.
- ✓ Cleanse and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds. If you own more than 50 birds, you must place foot dips containing government approved disinfectant, at the correct dilution rate, at all entry and exit points. This is also advised for less than 50 birds.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- ✓ Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- ✓ Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- ✓ You must keep records of movement of poultry, captive birds and eggs. This is in addition to the usual rules on recording bird deaths and medicine usage when you check your birds.

Non-compliance with these biosecurity measures may be an offence. Read full details of the housing measures, biosecurity requirements and biosecurity checklist at:

England: www.gov.uk/bird-flu

Wales: www.gov.wales/avian-influenza

Scotland: www.gov.scot/avianinfluenza



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