



Don't
give tree pests
and diseases
an easy ride

Before you start work today remember to...



Think kit

- Always make a clean start each day by removing soil and debris from boots and clothing before leaving sites.
- Clean and disinfect chainsaws and other cutting tools regularly and always when moving between sites.
- Clean and dry climbing ropes and PPE to remove any build up of saw dust and other organic debris. Always do this after working on a diseased or infested tree.



Think transport

- Avoid driving vehicles off-road and remove any build-up of soil and debris, including in cabs, footwells and the boot, when leaving site. Park vehicles on hardstanding where possible.
- Inspect plant or machinery entering sites for soil and debris build-up before allowing access. Where possible, clean plant and machinery when entering and leaving sites.



Think trees

- Importing new planting stock onto land you manage or work on poses the biggest biosecurity risk. Choose planting stock from reputable nurseries with robust biosecurity measures, including by way of example, those with Plant Healthy Certification (or similar) where possible.
- Keep records of all purchases and suppliers to help with tracing exercises in the event of a tree pest or disease.
- Monitor new stock for signs of ill health on a regular basis and report any suspected sightings of pest and disease to the Forestry Commission through TreeAlert.

Find out more
about biosecurity:
www.gov.uk/forestrycommission



Tell us if you see any
signs of ill health in trees:
treealert.forestresearch.gov.uk

We're all responsible for the nation's biosecurity
Remember to #KeepItClean