

Proactive spruce tree management in the *Ips typographus* Demarcated Area (DMA): Take early action to protect your woodland

Spruce trees in the *Ips typographus* DMA are at risk from the eight toothed spruce bark beetle, *Ips typographus*. Even if your woodland shows no signs of infestation, you can take proactive steps now to help prevent infestations and safeguard your trees.

Why act early?

Managing spruce before infestation is quicker, less costly, and gives you more control. Voluntary felling and restocking will reduce the risk of Statutory Plant Health Notices (SPHNs) being served on your woodland to deal with infestations later on.

Plan, fell and replant

Plan and carry out felling

This includes inspection of trees and handling material carried out by Forestry Commission staff to meet biosecurity standards.

Replant and maintain

Restocking in line with your felling licence helps ensure long-term woodland resilience. Restocking with spruce is prohibited within the *Ips typographus* DMA.

Let's start the conversation

- Speak to your Woodland Officer
- Email: ips.t@forestrycommission.gov.uk

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Ips typographus:



What's involved?

Contact your Woodland Officer

They'll discuss your options and available support.

Check your permissions

You may need a felling licence and authorisation to fell in the *Ips typographus* DMA.

Apply for grant funding

Grants are available to support proactive management. Your Woodland Officer can guide you through the process.

What support is available?

- Woodland Improvement and Tree Health grants.
- Advice from Forestry Commission Woodland Officers.
- Guidance on licences and authorisations.