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# Lumpy skin disease

## Know the signs

Lumpy skin disease is a viral disease which affects cattle, water buffalo and some exotic species including antelope and giraffes

It is spread by biting flies and mosquitoes. It can also be spread through infected germinal products (bovine semen, ova and embryos)

Lumpy skin disease is spreading in Europe and is a threat to Great Britain

Signs of lumpy skin disease include:

- fever
- drop in milk production
- one or more painful, firm nodules on the skin, nose, mouth or body - as the disease progresses these nodules may crust over or necrose, increasing the risk of secondary infection
- yellowish-grey lesions (skin damage) on the tongue
- swollen and tender udder or testicles
- discharge from the nose and eyes
- more saliva than usual
- bulls becoming sterile and cows having abortions
- swollen lymph nodes, for example on the neck
- death (in rare cases)

## Report it

If you suspect lumpy skin disease in your animals, you must report it immediately by calling:

- **03000 200 301 in England**
- **0300 303 8268 in Wales**
- **your local Field Services Office in Scotland**



Find out more information and how to report lumpy skin disease by visiting: [www.gov.uk/guidance/lumpy-skin-disease](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/lumpy-skin-disease)



**Nodules on the skin**



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**On rare occasions animals may show no, or very mild, clinical signs**

**Lumpy skin disease is a notifiable animal disease. If you don't report it, you're breaking the law.**