

Notification requirements

- Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is exotic to Australia. The threat FMD poses to Queensland agriculture and the importance of early detection is reflected in Queensland legislation.
- FMD is [prohibited matter](#) under the [Biosecurity Act 2014](#).
- All suspected cases of FMD must be reported to Biosecurity Queensland on **13 25 23** or the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline** on **1800 675 888**. Biosecurity Queensland personnel are on call after hours and available to speak to persons who call either of these numbers.
- The *Biosecurity Act 2014* details the obligation of persons to notify Biosecurity Queensland of their suspicion of prohibited matter, which includes FMD. A maximum penalty of 1000 penalty units or 1 year's imprisonment applies to persons who fail to notify Biosecurity Queensland of their suspicion of prohibited matter.
- The *Biosecurity Act 2014* also imparts a [general biosecurity obligation](#) on persons who deal with biosecurity matter or things that may be carriers. In the context of FMD:
 - Biosecurity matter is the FMD virus
 - Carriers are anything capable of moving biosecurity matter including infected or potentially infected livestock, non-susceptible animals, persons and fomites.
- The general biosecurity obligation requires persons to take all reasonable and practical measures to prevent or minimise biosecurity risks. Refer to the fact sheet entitled "*Interim measures following Biosecurity Queensland notification*" for guidance on biosecurity risk management measures to implement on suspect premises following notification, in order to discharge your general biosecurity obligation.

Additional information is available at the following links:

[Biosecurity Act 2014](#)

[Queensland legislation site](#)

Be FMD aware. Be FMD prepared.

Biosecurity Queensland 13 25 23
Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline 1800 675 888

www.biosecurity.qld.gov.au/FMD



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