



# DO YOU KEEP POULTRY OR CAPTIVE BIRDS?

YES

**By law you must keep your birds housed** or otherwise separate from wild birds. This could be:

- In a shed or outbuilding adapted to their needs
- In a temporary structure such as a polytunnel
- In a fully fenced run covered by netting that has holes no larger than 25mm

**Protecting your bird's welfare:**

- House chickens or turkeys separately from ducks and geese
- Reduce pecking by adding fresh bedding regularly, putting straw bales and perches and adding grit into litter to encourage scratching
- Ensure birds have natural light where possible, this should ideally follow typical day and night patterns
- Control parasites such as red mite, ask your local vet for advice

**To reduce the risk of infection from the environment all bird keepers must follow these steps:**

- Keep food and water supplies inside
- Minimise movements in and out of any areas your birds have access to
- Clean footwear before and after entering the enclosure
- Keep the area where the birds are kept tidy by removing spilt feed
- Ensure there is effective vermin control

## DO YOU KEEP 50 BIRDS OR MORE?

YES

NO

**It is mandatory that you need to register your flock of birds:**

This can be done by visiting [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and searching 'poultry registration rules and forms'. This will sign you up to alerts on the latest information and situation.

**Flocks with over 500 birds will need to take additional biosecurity measures.** These include:

- Operate effective barrier hygiene including clothing and footwear changing before entering housing
- Restrict the number of persons and vehicles visiting the site
- Regularly inspect structural integrity of housing for holes and leaks

Further guidance and a full list of extra biosecurity measures for bird keepers with more than 500 birds can be found by searching 'Avian Influenza' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

**You can voluntarily register your flock and receive updates from the APHA – the NFU recommends all bird keepers to do this:**

- Voluntarily sign up to the APHA poultry register to get the latest information by searching 'poultry registration rules and forms' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)
- If you are not signed up to the register you can still sign up to text and email alerts on the current situation by searching 'APHA animal disease alert subscription service' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

## DO YOU KEEP 500 BIRDS OR MORE?

YES