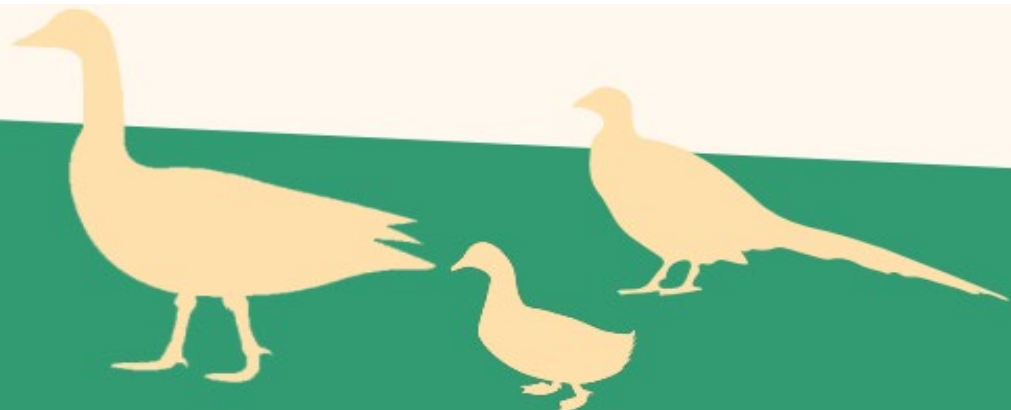


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Essential biosecurity and housing requirements for keepers of ducks, geese and poultry

- ✎ House your ducks, geese & poultry. If you do not have purpose-built housing you could use a garden shed or polytunnel, as long as there is adequate light, space and ventilation.
- ✎ Ensure there are no leaks or other forms of water ingress to the house/ building where you house your birds. Seek guidance from your vet if you have concerns regarding your birds' health and welfare needs due to new housing requirements.
- ✎ If it is impossible for you to completely house your birds, you must separate them from wild birds. Provide an enclosure or temporary structure that is fully netted (holes no greater than 2-5cm diameter), there are some examples over the page.
- ✎ If there are any gaps in your housing where wild birds could get in, block them, or cover with netting.
- ✎ Partially enclosed birds must be kept separate from any fully housed birds.
- ✎ Feed and water must be provided indoors or undercover
- ✎ To allow preening, provide water in a way that allows immersion of the head, whilst minimising water spillage. Ensure wild birds cannot access.
- ✎ Store bedding inside to reduce the risk of contamination.
- ✎ If you can't cover or net large ranging areas for birds immediately, prevent access to ponds, standing water or waterlogged land and gradually reduce the ranging area available.
- ✎ Make your entire premises unattractive to wild birds. Use bird scarers, foils or streamers.



- ✎ Cleanse and disinfect footwear before and after tending to your birds using UK government approved disinfectant (available at most agricultural merchants or on-line), at the correct dilution rate. Set up a disinfection point, at all entry and exit points. [Defra-approved disinfectant: when and how to use it - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- ✎ Clean and disinfect hard surfaces regularly.
- ✎ Clean and disinfect equipment and vehicles to avoid disease spread between premises.
- ✎ Minimise the movement of people, vehicles and equipment to and from bird areas and keep records of movements.
- ✎ No movement of birds between premises must be undertaken whilst surveillance zone is in place.

