

## Production Site Biosecurity

**Biosecurity is the responsibility of every person working on or visiting a production site.**

- it aims to protect tomato growers against the introduction and spread of new pests
- early detection and rapid reporting of new pests minimises impact and increase the chances of a successful eradication or management of those pests
- it can help to minimise the impact of established pests



## Have you spotted anything unusual?

New and damaging pests can be spread a number of ways. What are the risks of introducing new pests and diseases on to your property?

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# What are the risks?

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### Plant Material

- Plant material can carry pests, attached to your vehicle or in a bunch of flowers
- Make sure your vehicle and clothing are clean
- Dispose of any plant material before entering or moving within the farmed production area

### Seed and Nursery Stock

- Ensure you are sourcing high quality seed and nursery stock as these sources of planting material have the potential to carry unwanted pests
- Purchase from a trusted source
- Always inspect the stock before planting

### Backpackers, contractors and transport companies

- Backpackers, workers, contractors and transport companies also need to be aware of managing potential biosecurity threats
- Ensure that clothes, shoes, equipment and vehicles are clean to reduce these risks

### Cars, shoes, camping and farm equipment

- Anything from cars, trucks and farm machinery through to camping equipment and clothing can carry pests
- Ensure your clothes and belongings are clean and you have washed your vehicle at a wash-down facility to stop the spread of pests

### Fresh produce and plant material dumping

- All fruit and vegetables have the potential to carry unwanted pests. Be mindful of distributing damaged or diseased produce on site(s).
- Destroy unwanted plant material from diseased crops carefully.

**Everyone has a part to play in farm biosecurity**

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