

# Decontamination of stables, trailers and lorries

To prevent the spread of infection after transporting a horse with known or suspected contagious disease the following procedures are recommended.

## You should always...

**Decontaminate** as soon as possible.

**Do not use** the stable, trailer or lorry until they have been decontaminate.

**Avoid moving horses around** the yard. A horse can appear well when it is infectious.

## Discuss with your vet...

Your plan of action

Suitable disinfectant

Info about the disease

## 3 Steps to Decontamination



### Clear waste

Bag up the waste to avoid contaminating the environment.

Incinerate if possible.



### Clean area

Wash out stable/trailer/lorry to remove all dirt/debris, then allow to dry.

Avoid high-pressure washing (can spread the infection in the air).

Disinfectants do work on wet or dirty surfaces.



### Disinfect

Once dry, spray all surfaces with a suitable disinfectant.

Garden pressure sprayers work well.

## Wear protective clothing



gloves



boots



protective outerwear

Wash and dry hands between stages and when finished.

Use suitable hand disinfectant (eg Carex or Dettol soap).

Dry using paper towel or wash hand towels after use.

## Hand hygiene

## Other contaminated areas

**Your cab / car**  
Remove waste.

Vacuum and/or wipe clean surfaces.

Once dry, spray with disinfectant.

**Mucking out equipment**  
Clean equipment.

Soak in freshly made disinfectant for at least 30 minutes.

Rinse and dry.

**Your clothes and boots**  
Change clothes and footwear before handling other horses.

Disinfectant can be added to washing machine rinse cycle for clothing and rugs.

### Horse handling equipment

Clean equipment. Soak in freshly made disinfectant for at least 30 minutes. Rinse and dry.