

Using a biosecurity gate

A 'Biosecurity gate' is a designated entry/exit point to a site and is required for:

- restricting and recording movements on/off site
- communications - between workers, owners/managers and other stakeholders
- resources - receipt, storage, distribution
- personnel command - induction, briefing, tasking, rest area, debriefing, evacuation point.

Planning considerations

- Any person requiring entry to a 'site' must have a valid reason and authorisation.
- A valid permit authorises the movement of biosecurity matter and carriers where restricted by an emergency/control order.
- Permits must include any equipment/vehicles being taken on site and be valid for the date/s of entry.

Roles and responsibilities

- Field Crew authorise, control, manage and record movements of people and things (e.g. equipment, vehicles, biosecurity matter and carriers) on/off site.
 - Field Crew are Authorised Officers under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* with the authority to stop (but not detain) people to check for biosecurity matter and carriers.
- Site Supervisor manages activities and infrastructure on site and at the gate.
- Decontamination team ensure people and things are decontaminated entering and exiting the site.

To enter the site

1. Park in the designated parking area (or as directed).
2. Provide permit authorising entry to the Field Crew at the gate.
3. Complete sign-on register.
4. Participate in site induction e.g. safety (including evacuation protocols), restricted areas, required personal protective equipment (PPE), decontamination protocol for biosecurity matter and carriers, such as people and equipment (e.g. cameras), exclusion periods for contact with target species.
5. Wear issued PPE and follow site entry procedures.

While on site

1. Follow instructions of site personnel whilst completing task (i.e. your reason for entry).
2. Take rest breaks - frequency will vary with task being conducted, weather, type of PPE being worn, number of team members and person.
3. Report any issues immediately to the Site Supervisor.

To exit site

1. Return to the gate and conduct exit decontamination following the instructions from the induction and site personnel e.g. Field Crew at the gate.
 - Return, decontaminate or dispose of PPE.
 - Decontaminate your own equipment (e.g. cameras) and any other biosecurity matter or carriers according to the permit requirements.
2. Sign out and leave site.
 - Ensure non-contact with target species as agreed.
 - Follow any post-visit instructions e.g. showering, changing clothes, car wash etc.

Safety

Follow instructions of site personnel unless you believe it is unsafe to do so or your agency/organisation has stricter requirements. Report any near miss incidents, accidents or injuries immediately to the Site Supervisor, and report using the departments online safety reporting system within 24 hours of the incident.

References

[Guide - Gate establishment and management](#)