

BIOSECURITY

With the increasing awareness of tree diseases arising from recent outbreaks of Dothistroma disease of pine (Red Band Needle Blight), Ramorum disease of Larch (Phytophthora), Acute Oak Decline, and Chalara disease of ash, the Forestry Commission has issued biosecurity guidelines for those working in woodlands to help reduce the inadvertent spread of these and other diseases.

Biosecurity policy and practice is covered fully on our web site at <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/biosecurity>

The biosecurity guidelines are available from FE offices, or can be downloaded from the above pages. The direct link is; [http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCMS028-guidance.pdf/\\$FILE/FCMS028-guidance.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/FCMS028-guidance.pdf/$FILE/FCMS028-guidance.pdf)

We would ask anyone inspecting **any** parcel offered for sale by the Forestry Commission to be familiar with our biosecurity guidelines and observe a few key conventions.

1. Please keep vehicles on metalled roads at all times (or avoid driving into the woodland at all if possible). Ensure that any deposits of mud around wheels or bodywork are knocked or brushed off **before** leaving any woodland.
2. Please make sure your footwear is brushed clean of soil, mud and debris **before** getting back into a vehicle or leaving the woodland.
3. If specific biosecurity measures are required for any parcel we will make this clear when the parcel is offered for sale. Please abide by these measures and contact us **before** visiting the parcel.
4. Please let us know if you observe any potential symptoms of disease or insect pests whilst visiting our woodlands.