



# NOTICE TO VISITORS

# Q FEVER

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Q fever is an infectious disease that is spread from animals to people. Cattle, sheep and goats are the most common source of human infection, but native animals, camels, dogs and cats can also cause infection.

Q fever is very infectious. People can become infected by being splashed with infected fluids, or by inhaling contaminated aerosols and dust arising from:



**Animal, animal products and waste**

(e.g. milk, wool, hides, fur, urine, faeces and birth products)



**Animal environments**

(e.g. soil, bedding, straw, hay and grass)



**Other contaminated items**

(e.g. machinery, equipment, vehicles and clothing)

The bacteria can survive in the environment for long periods, tolerate harsh conditions and spread in the air.

## WHO IS AT RISK

At risk people can include but are not limited to - farmers, farm employees, graziers, feedlot workers, shearers, transporters of livestock, abattoir workers, staff/students of agricultural education programs, veterinarians, dog/cat breeders, wildlife carers, gardeners mowing in at risk workplaces and people living and visiting on farms/properties that have carried livestock.

People who live near or visit environments where animals that can carry Q fever have been, are also at risk.

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