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# Biosecurity take home challenge

Activities for participants at home



# How to complete the biosecurity take home challenge

## Students

- Complete the activities listed below with the help of your parent or carer. Tick each activity once it has been completed.
- Return your completed booklet to your classroom teacher and share any interesting stories and discoveries you made about biosecurity with your class.

## Parent or carer

- Assist your child in completing each activity. Then, answer the trivia and interview questions about your own experiences.
- Engage in discussions with your child about the importance of biosecurity.
- If questions arise, research to find the answers!  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade)  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy)
- Complete the biosecurity take home challenge survey  
[www.agriculture.gov.au/jbo](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/jbo)

## 🔍 Activity checklist

- Take home trivia
- Biosecurity tales: interview
- Biosecurity tales: recount
- Incoming Passenger Card
- Biosecurity take home challenge certificate





## Take home trivia

Biosecurity rules and regulations help to protect our Australian plants, animals, food and nature from introduced pests or diseases.

**Your mission: test your biosecurity knowledge!**

**Ask a parent or carer the following trivia questions and circle their answers below.**

Scan the QR code at the end to check their answers and find their overall score.

- 1. Did you know? There are multiple agencies that work together to keep Australia safe. Which agency is responsible for protecting Australia from exotic pests and diseases?**
  - a) Australian Federal Police
  - b) Australian Border Force
  - c) Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- 2. Did you know? All aircraft arriving in Australia must be disinfected to protect Australia from human diseases carried by insects. An example of this type of disease is**
  - a) COVID-19
  - b) Malaria
  - c) African swine fever
- 3. Did you know? Imported goods and cargo can pose biosecurity threats. Approximately how many shipping containers bring overseas goods to Australia each year?**
  - a) 2 million
  - b) 24 million
  - c) 241 million
- 4. Did you know? Biosecurity detector dogs are used to detect biosecurity risks in international mail centres and airports. The dog breed currently used as biosecurity detector dogs are:**
  - a) Labradors
  - b) Beagles
  - c) German Shepherds
- 5. Did you know? Cats and dogs being brought into Australia from certain countries must be quarantined. How long do pets need to stay in quarantine?**
  - a) At least 1–3 days
  - b) At least 10–30 days
  - c) At least 100–300 days
- 6. Did you know? When you arrive in Australia from overseas, you must declare if you are bringing food, plant, animal or soil products with you. How do you declare this information?**
  - a) By answering all questions honestly on the Incoming Passenger Card
  - b) By informing the flight attendant on the airline
  - c) By logging your details online via an app
- 7. When arriving in Australia, can you bring... biscuits, breads, cakes and pastries?**
  - a) Yes, you can bring them
  - b) They must be declared and checked
  - c) No, you cannot bring them
- 8. When arriving in Australia, can you bring... fishing, hiking and sports equipment?**
  - a) Yes, you can bring them
  - b) They must be declared and checked
  - c) No, you cannot bring them



9. **When arriving in Australia, can you bring... food from the plane or ship?**
  - a) Yes, you can bring it
  - b) It must be declared and checked
  - c) No, you cannot bring it
10. **When arriving in Australia, can you bring... live plants, including flowers and seeds?**
  - a) Yes, you can bring them
  - b) They must be declared and checked
  - c) No, you cannot bring them
11. **When arriving in Australia, can you bring... cosmetics, including soaps and hair products?**
  - a) Yes, you can bring them
  - b) They must be declared and checked
  - c) No, you cannot bring them
12. **What are the most common materials confiscated by Australian biosecurity officials?**
  - a) Plants, grains and spices
  - b) Meats and nuts
  - c) All of the above
13. **True or false? You will receive a penalty if you declare all plant or animal products on your Incoming Passenger Card, even if they are confiscated.**
  - a) True
  - b) False
14. **Foot-and-mouth disease is one of Australia's most threatening biosecurity concerns. It affects numerous animals including:**
  - a) Horses
  - b) Bees
  - c) Cattle
15. ***Xylella fastidiosa* tops the list of Australia's National Priority Plant Pests. It is a disease that can kill various plants including grape vines and fruit trees. It could arrive in Australia through:**
  - a) Infected plants or insects
  - b) Infected imported animals
  - c) Raw meat products
16. **A tiny beetle pest that infests stored produce such as grain shipments or silos is the:**
  - a) Citrus canker
  - b) Khapra beetle
  - c) Brown marmorated stink bug
17. **Hendra virus is an example of a zoonotic disease, which means it can transfer from animals to humans. Hendra virus can be transmitted to humans via infected:**
  - a) Rodents
  - b) Horses
  - c) Mosquitoes
18. **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is a rare but severe illness. It can spread through close contact with infected people and is thought to be caught from contact with:**
  - a) Infected camels and camel products
  - b) Infected bees and bee products
  - c) Infected sheep and sheep products
19. **What should you do? You are preparing to travel overseas and are considering which items you'll buy as souvenirs while away. Before leaving you should:**
  - a) Research the types of items that can/cannot be brought back into Australia
  - b) Expect that the souvenir sellers will tell you if what you're buying is safe or not
20. **What should you do? You are travelling to an area with a known outbreak of Avian influenza. To stay safe you should:**
  - a) Stay away from birds and live poultry, including 'wet' markets
  - b) Ensure all poultry meat eaten is cooked thoroughly
  - c) All of the above

Check your answers here

👉 Scan the QR code to check your parent/ carers' answers. What was their final score?





## Biosecurity tales: interview

**Your mission: ask a parent/carer or a friend about their experiences with biosecurity rules and regulations. Interview them about their experiences using the questions below.**

**Write a factual recount based on what you learnt to share with your class.**

Name of interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

### Have you had any of the following experiences?

- Have you needed to declare items on an Incoming Passenger Card when travelling?
- Have you needed to throw out/leave behind items that were not allowed across state or international borders?
- Have you seen biosecurity detector dogs working at airports or ports?
- Have you seen biosecurity officers working at airports or ports?
- Have you ever received mail from overseas that needed to be checked for biosecurity reasons?

### Choose one experience that you would like to describe in more detail.

When did this happen? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Where did this happen? (for example, airport, seaport, mail centre) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If travelling, where were you travelling to/from? \_\_\_\_\_

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If receiving overseas mail, where was it being mailed from? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Describe your experience** (note to students: summarise the key parts of the story in dot points)

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**What did this experience teach you about the importance of Australian biosecurity?**

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## Biosecurity tales: recount

Use your interview notes to write a factual recount about your interviewee's biosecurity experience. Share this recount with your class.

**Title**

**Orientation** (who, when, where and what)

**Events** (describe the series of events in order)

**Conclusion** (summarise what was learnt about biosecurity)



# Incoming Passenger Card

An Incoming Passenger Card (IPC) is provided to all travellers on board their flight or ship before arrival in Australia. It is a requirement under Australian law for IPC's to be completed.

**Your mission: imagine you have been on an overseas holiday. When returning to Australia, you are given an IPC to complete. Do you know what questions you need to answer and which information you need to provide?**

See below for an example of an IPC.

**Incoming passenger card • Australia**

PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH WITH A BLUE OR BLACK PEN

▶ Family/surname

▶ Given names

▶ Passport number

◆ Flight number or name of ship

▶ Intended address in Australia

State

▶ Do you intend to live in Australia for the next 12 months? Yes  No

▶ If you are **NOT an Australian citizen**:

Do you have tuberculosis? Yes  No

Do you have any criminal conviction/s? Yes  No

PLEASE ✕ AND ANSWER EVERY QUESTION – IF UNSURE, Yes ✕

▶ Are you bringing into Australia:

1. Goods that may be prohibited or subject to restrictions, such as medicines, steroids, illegal pornography, firearms, weapons or illicit drugs? Yes  No
2. More than 2250mL of alcoholic beverages or 25 cigarettes or 25g of tobacco products? Yes  No
3. Goods obtained overseas or purchased duty and/or tax free in Australia with a combined total price of more than AUD\$900, including gifts? Yes  No
4. Goods/samples for business/commercial use? Yes  No
5. AUD\$10,000 or more in Australian or foreign currency equivalent? Yes  No

**Note:** If a customs or police officer asks, you must report travellers cheques, cheques, money orders or other bearer negotiable instruments of any amount.

6. Meat, poultry, fish, seafood, eggs, dairy, fruit, vegetables? Yes  No
7. Grains, seeds, bulbs, straw, nuts, plants, parts of plants, traditional medicines or herbs, wooden articles? Yes  No
8. Animals, parts of animals, animal products including equipment, pet food, eggs, biologicals, specimens, birds, fish, insects, shells, bee products? Yes  No
9. Soil, items with soil attached or used in freshwater areas e.g. sports/recreational equipment, shoes? Yes  No
- ▶ 10. Have you been in contact with farms, farm animals, wilderness areas or freshwater streams/lakes etc in the past 30 days? Yes  No
- ▶ 11. Were you in Africa, South/Central America or the Caribbean in the last 6 days? Yes  No

**DECLARATION**  
The information I have given is true, correct and complete. I understand failure to answer any questions may have serious consequences.

**YOUR SIGNATURE**

Day Month Year

**TURN OVER THE CARD** ▶  
English

**YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IN AUSTRALIA**

Phone ( )

E-mail OR

Address State

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (FAMILY OR FRIEND)**

Name

E-mail, Phone OR Mail address

PLEASE COMPLETE IN ENGLISH

▶ In which country did you board this flight or ship?

◆ What is your usual occupation?

▶ Nationality as shown on passport

▶ Date of birth Day Month Year

PLEASE ✕ AND ANSWER A OR B OR C

**A Migrating permanently to Australia**

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED BOTH SIDES OF THIS CARD. PRESENT THIS CARD ON ARRIVAL WITH YOUR PASSPORT.

**B Visitor or temporary entrant**

▶ Your intended length of stay in Australia Years Months Days OR

▶ Your country of residence

▶ Your main reason for travel (X one only)

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| Business              | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | Employment                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | Exhibition | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 | Other   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 |

**C Resident returning to Australia**

▶ Country where you spent most time abroad

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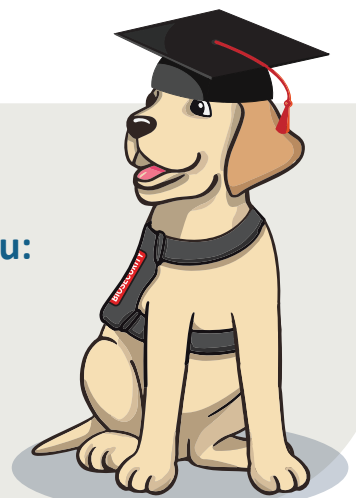
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**for completing the  
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**Remember, if you see something unusual, report it,  
even if you're not sure. You can ask an adult to help you:**

- visit [agriculture.gov.au/report](https://agriculture.gov.au/report)
- call the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881
- call the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888





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