

VISITORS TO NEW ZEALAND

Please be careful what you bring with you

New Zealand, being a remote and isolated country, is free of many forest pests and diseases present in other parts of the world. Measures to reduce the chances of such organisms reaching New Zealand are implemented by the regulatory authorities and overseas visitors will be subjected to a biosecurity check upon arrival.

We request that you ensure that any clothing and footwear that has been in your forests, and that you bring with you, has been cleaned.

Boots and shoes can be brushed clean of all dirt and plant fragments and in addition the soles treated with a biocide solution (at recommended rates) such as Varicide or with hypochlorite. As an extra precaution prior to entering our forest you will be asked to submit your footwear for a brief further treatment. This will not damage boots and the compound has extremely low mammalian toxicity.

We also request that any field equipment you might bring with you that has been used in the forests (e.g. pocket knives, pruners) is wiped clean with a biocide/disinfectant. This also applies to cameras and binoculars. Camera and binocular cases should be checked for plant fragments and the interior and exterior wiped clean.

For more information see: <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/enter/declare>

We would appreciate your cooperation in reducing any risk of accidental introduction of new diseases that could endanger our ecosystems.