

This advice is for anyone visiting a Swine Dysentery (SD) positive unit as defined by the BPEX Swine Dysentery Charter. This refers to farm staff and all visitors including veterinary surgeons, fieldsmen, relief stockmen, task teams, company representatives, maintenance workers, rodent services, cleaning and disinfection teams, and advisers.

**Non essential visits to pig units with Swine Dysentery should be avoided.**

**The main risk is from contact with pigs and pig manure and slurry but remember that many areas of the farm may have become contaminated and represent a risk.**

#### **Before visit**

1. Prearrange your visit with the farm
2. Where possible arrange your visit away from the farm to avoid entering the pig unit
3. Leave your vehicle outside the unit periphery, do not take vehicle on site unless absolutely necessary in which case refer to advice for transport LINK
4. Find out if protective clothing and footwear are available on farm and use them
5. If taking your own protective clothing and footwear, make sure you have the means to clean and disinfect on exit
6. Make visit at end of day/week if possible

#### **During visit**

1. Use protective clothing and footwear provided by farm where available
2. Limit equipment taken on farm to essential items
3. Protect smaller items of equipment with use of plastic bags, plastic containers
4. Minimise contamination of equipment which will be taken off the farm
5. Dedicate as much equipment as possible to the farm and leave on site
6. Leave as much disposable material on farm as possible
7. Minimise your contact with pigs and pig manure
8. Only visit areas of the farm necessary for your work
9. Wash hands as you leave the unit

#### **After visit and before entering another pig unit**

1. Consider everything taken onto the unit (equipment, clothing, footwear) as contaminated
2. Clean and disinfect equipment, protective clothing and footwear on leaving farm
3. Seal equipment, protective clothing and footwear in waterproof bags e.g. heavy duty bin liners and repeat cleaning and disinfection away from farm
4. Refer to advice on cleaning and disinfection to make sure it is effective
5. Make sure your vehicle is not contaminated
6. Contaminated vehicles and those which have been on site must be C&D, refer to transport advice
7. Shower, including hair wash and ensure a complete change of clothes
8. Ideally do not visit another pig unit until the following day at the earliest
9. Think of any other way you might spread infection and take action to prevent this.