

Visiting or returning from overseas?



Help protect our forests from pests and diseases.



Before entering New Zealand:

-  **Clothing** worn during nursery, forest, port or processing site visits must be cleaned. Drycleaning is an effective method of killing spores on clothing.
-  **Boots and shoes** must be brushed clean of all dirt and plant fragments. Treat the soles with a biocide solution such as Varicide or with hypochlorite.
-  **Field equipment** used in forests overseas (eg, pocket knives, pruners, cameras, binoculars, mobile phones and cases) should be wiped clean with a biocide/disinfectant.
-  **Camera and binocular cases** should be checked for plant fragments and wiped clean inside and out.
-  **Sports equipment** such as boots and golf clubs must be cleaned and any soil removed.
-  **Tents and sleeping bags are high hazard items** and need to be clean and free of soil.

On arrival in New Zealand:

-  Let MPI border security know about your involvement in forestry.
-  Tell MPI border security if you are carrying tents or sleeping bags that have been used in forests overseas.

Before entering our forests:



You may be asked to submit your footwear for further treatment (the treatment will not harm the footwear and is not toxic to animals and people).



No clothing, footwear or equipment used overseas may be brought into New Zealand forests until the above requirements have been met.