

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WHEN YOU FIND DEAD BIRD/S

If you find a single dead garden or wild bird then you do not need to call JPH. You should follow the guidelines below for disposal: (People should follow some simple precautions to minimise the risk of infection. It is hard for people to catch avian influenza from birds and the following simple steps are also effective against avian influenza.)

1. Avoid touching the bird with your bare hands.
2. If possible, wear disposable protective gloves when picking up and handling (if disposable gloves are not available see point 7). Use a mask covering the mouth and nose, if available.
3. Place the dead bird in a suitable plastic bag, preferably leak-proof. Care should be taken not to contaminate the outside of the bag.
4. Tie the bag and place it in a second plastic bag.
5. Remove gloves by turning them inside out and then place them in the 2nd plastic bag. Tie the bag and dispose of by burying deep enough to avoid being dug out by stray animals.
6. Hands should then be washed thoroughly with soap and water.
7. If disposable gloves are not available, a plastic bag can be used as a make-shift glove. When the dead bird has been picked up, the bag can be turned back on itself and tied. It should then be placed in a 2nd plastic bag, tied and disposed of as above.
8. Any clothing that has been in contact with the dead bird should be washed using ordinary washing detergent.

[Report to JPH Perak (Tel: 05 545 9111 or 9122 or 9133) if you find a dead swan, goose or duck or 3 or more dead wild, or garden birds, or village chicken together in the same place]