

## Be Prepared - Quarantine Checklist

### o **Overalls**

Good quality overalls are available in any work wear shop. Cotton ones must to be disinfected and washed after **every use**. Disposable ones can also be used, but need to be disposed of carefully. Whichever kind are used, make sure there are always plenty available.

### o **Plastic containers with lids**

Clean and dirty overalls need to be stored properly and it needs to be absolutely clear where dirty sets are to be placed so that contagious matter is carefully contained. Plastic bins with lids are ideal as they are cheap, light and easy to disinfect.

### o **Disinfectant and suitable containers**

Disinfectant is absolutely key to successful quarantine, but not all disinfectant will be effective against strangles bacteria. Make sure the product you use will target the disease specifically, but is not going to be toxic to animals or humans. At Redwings we use a disinfectant called 'Safe 4' – go to [www.safe4disinfectant.com](http://www.safe4disinfectant.com) for more information. Specific products such as handwash and disposable wipes are part of the range. Have a range of suitable containers to mix and hold disinfectant for a variety of purposes including foot dips and overall soaking. A tub to soak overalls needs to be a decent size to hold and soak several sets at a time.

### o **Barriers and signs** to show clearly where the quarantine area begins.

The line where quarantine starts has to be precisely marked at all points around the restricted area. Ideally put up a cordon so people have to go through specific entrance / exit points where the overalls, foot dips and handwash are placed. If people are not using the same point to start quarantine procedures, everyone's efforts can be wasted. Remember to put up a sign at the gate or entrance to the main yard so that visitors are pre-warned that quarantine is being carried out on the site.

### o **Bin liners**

Robust plastic bags (bin liners are strong, large and don't have small holes) are always handy to have around in a quarantine area. They can be used to safely contain anything that may be contaminated if it cannot be disinfected straight away. They can be also be used to store muck temporarily within the quarantine area between organised collections to dispose of it by an appropriate route.

### o **Know Your Spot**

Have a suitable place for quarantine earmarked so you know where to set everything up should the need arise. A quarantine area needs to have a segregated stable and plenty of storage space for food supplies, equipment and muck. The ideal place will be away from the main section of the yard, but still offer easy access, a healthy stabled environment and things for the isolated equine to watch and do.