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# Foot and mouth disease

## Know the signs

### In pigs

**Lameness is the main sign of the disease. Blisters that progress to erosive sores are common especially on the feet.**

**Signs of foot and mouth disease in pigs include:**

- sudden lameness, which may spread quickly among the herd
- loud squealing from pain
- tendency to lie down and unwillingness to move
- blisters on the feet – between the toes and at the junction of the hoof horn and the skin
- may get severe foot lesions including detachment of the claw horn
- lame pigs often adopt a 'dog-sitting' posture
- reluctance to feed
- fever
- depression
- sudden death in young pigs up to 14 weeks of age
- sometimes pigs may develop blisters on the snout and/or tongue

Swine vesicular disease and Seneca Valley virus can be confused with foot and mouth disease. If you see any of these signs you must report them.

### Report it

**If you suspect foot and mouth disease in your animals, you must report it immediately by:**

- Contacting the DAERA help line on **0300 200 7840** or your local DAERA Direct Office.



Nose lesions



Tongue lesions



Hoof lesions



Find out more information and how to report foot and mouth disease by visiting:

[www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/foot-and-mouth-disease](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/foot-and-mouth-disease)

**Foot and mouth disease is a notifiable animal disease. If you don't report it, you're breaking the law.**