



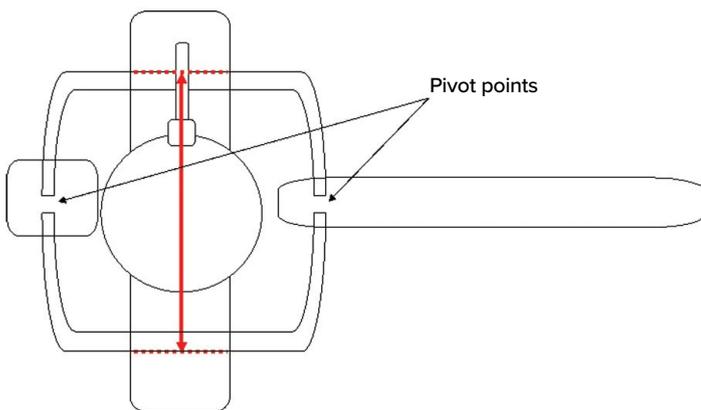
How to measure leg-hold traps

This information will help you safely and correctly measure a leg-hold trap to see whether it is allowed under the Animal Welfare (Leg-hold Traps) Order 2007.

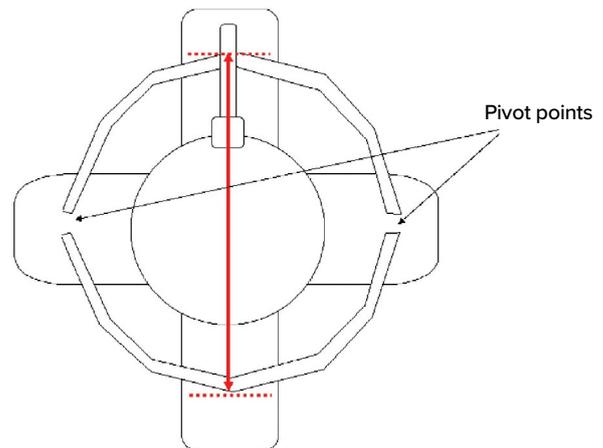
Leg-hold traps are restricted under the Animal Welfare (Leg-hold Traps) Order 2007. Size 1 ½ or larger longspring traps are prohibited (measuring 10.5 cm or more across the open jaws as shown below). Unpadded size 1 double-coil traps may

be used, but size 1 ½ double-coil traps must be padded (commercially manufactured with padding). See www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/traps-and-devices/ for more information.

Longspring trap



Double-coil trap



If traps have a size stamped on them, this will tell you if they are allowed or not.

If traps don't have a size stamped on them, measure them at the widest point across the open jaws, at right angles to the pivot points (hinges).

Take the measurement from the outside edges of the jaws (size 1-and-a-half traps measure from 10.5cm to 13.5cm).

To avoid the risk of serious injury when measuring traps, it is recommended that they are made safe before measuring.

- Traps measuring less than 10.5 cm are smaller than size 1 ½.

- Traps measuring from 10.5 cm to 13.5 cm, are size 1 ½.
- Traps measuring more than 13.5 cm are larger than size 1 ½.

Please note this information is provided by way of general guidance only and does not constitute legal advice. Parties are advised to seek independent legal advice in relation to particular situations.

To find out more

Call the Ministry for Primary Industries:
0800 00 83 33

www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/animal-welfare/traps-and-devices/