



# Disbudding and dehorning

## **Disbudding and dehorning are painful.**

From 1 October 2019, new rules  
require local anaesthetic to be used  
when disbudding and dehorning  
cattle.



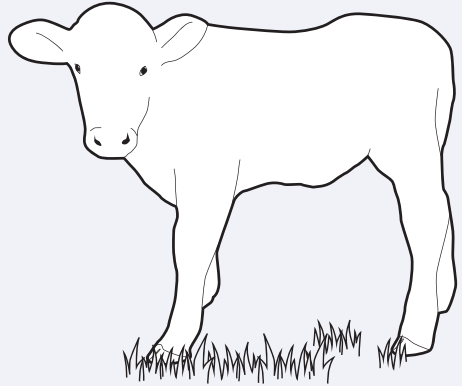
## Disbudding

Do not disbud calves without using effective local anaesthetic.

**Otherwise you could face a criminal conviction and fine of up to \$3,000 (or \$15,000 for the business)**

Have a conversation with your veterinarian about training and the supply of local anaesthetic.

Talk to your disbudding contractor and make sure they're up to speed with the requirements.



## Dehorning

Do not dehorn cattle without using effective local anaesthetic.

**Otherwise you could face a criminal conviction and fine of up to \$5,000 (or \$25,000 for the business)**

Avoid having to dehorn older animals by using polled breeds, or disbudding them as young calves. Consider horn management when purchasing cattle.



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