

## BIOSECURITY BUSINESS PLEDGE

It takes all of us to  
protect what we've got

Biosecurity  
*Awareness*  
Month

You can help stop harmful pests and diseases in their tracks. Look out for this pest below because they could impact our business, sector, economy, and way of life, whether that's on a farm, orchard, forest, port, or your own backyard.

### The red imported fire ant (RIFA)

neests in open spaces, such as parks and pastures. They can swarm when they are disturbed.

A mass of angry ants can deliver hundreds of painful stings, making harvesting crops impossible.

RIFA could hitchhike in imported vehicles, shipping containers, machinery, and anything with a crevice.

This pest is not in New Zealand and we want to keep it that way.



**If you think you've seen it – report it:**  
**0800 80 99 66** or **[report.mpi.govt.nz/pest](https://report.mpi.govt.nz/pest)**

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