

- AVOIDING BALE CONTAMINATION -

Prior to shearing:

- Wool growers consider how they are using wool shed for storage – ensure wool room is clear prior to shearing and appropriate hooks and storage areas are provided including personal hook for Presser close to wool press
- Rubbish bins provided and easily accessible
- Shearing board and wool room is washed and cleared prior to shearing
- Classers, pressers and woolhandlers check all fadges before putting wool in them, especially those that may have been sitting partially full before shearing begins, confirm with grower on partial bales
- Count press bars at the beginning and end of each shearing – there should be four!

During shearing:

- Remove all rubber rings and lambs purses from wool
- Rubbish bins readily accessible, used and emptied when necessary
- Designated storage area (hooks, shelves or large containers) for personal belongings of shed staff are used, including personal hook for Presser close to press
- Only work equipment (eg: fadges, brooms) in the wool room
- No drink bottles, clothing or towels stored near oddment fadges
- Wool shed staff check all open fadges throughout the day for clothing and any items other than wool
- No smoking (including vaping) in woolshed
- Count press bars before pinning each bale, there should be four!
- No food consumed in wool area – separate eating area is the ideal
- Supply newspaper for Bin bales – don't use wool packs as bale dividers
- Refer to "Clip Preparation – Best Practice Guideline" on the NZWCA website
Or scan the QR code below

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