





# Equine ID: What you need to know

**As of 1st October 2018\*, all horses in England must be identified with a microchip and passport.**


We all want the best for our horses and equine ID helps to protect them. Follow the steps below to ensure you are ready for the new regulations:



 Log on to the Chip Checker ([www.equineregister.co.uk](http://www.equineregister.co.uk)) and put in your horse's microchip number to check the details are up to date. If anything is incorrect then get in touch with your Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO)

 If you buy a horse, or your horse is lost, stolen, euthanased/dies or is signed out of the food chain, you need to let your PIO know within 30 days and they will then have 24 hours to update the Central Equine Database

 All horses imported permanently to the UK need to be registered with a UK PIO within 30 days of their arrival

 \*If your horse was born before 30th June 2009 and isn't microchipped, you have two years to ensure they are microchipped. If your horse was born after this date, then it should already be microchipped.

