

Removal of the eye

Equipment required

1. A hard hat, particularly if working in an abattoir or knackery
2. Safety eye glasses
3. Strong gloves
4. Overalls
5. Rubber boots (gumboots)
6. One sharp knife
7. One plastic 2 litre jar with a screw top lid half filled with 10% buffered formalin for the eye
8. Knee pads to make working in the kneeling position cleaner and more comfortable (optional)
9. A piece of carpet to serve as a good working surface for this procedure (optional).

Step-by-step instructions to remove the eye

1. Using a knife, cut away the top eyelid.
2. Using a knife, cut around the eye.
3. Loosen the eye so it can be prolapsed (fall out of place).
4. Sever the attachments as the eye is rolled out.
5. Place the eye into the jar of 10% buffered formalin to fix. **Do not freeze.**
6. Submit the eye and any other specimens to the accredited laboratory in your state or territory.