

# PigSAFE and PigCARE Requirements

Ensure your SOPs are implemented correctly

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As part of the CPE program, the correct implementation of PigSAFE and PigCARE is assessed annually during the validation process. Most questions a validator will ask are specific and straightforward. However, in some sections, the question will be simply, "Has the SOP been adequately implemented?" It is important that both the producer and validator understand the specific mandatory requirements covered under that question.

Below are some specific examples of requirements covered under the "Has the SOP been adequately implemented?" question.



## PigCARE

### Care of sick and injured pigs (Q7.6.2):

Sick or injured pig must be segregated from the

group. Pigs that require immediate euthanasia must not be kept in a sick pen.

### Elective husbandry procedures

**(Q7.8.2):** Pain mitigation must be used for castration and tail docking. Instrument and equipment used must be well maintained.

**Euthanasia (Q7.10.2):** There must be at least one functioning method of euthanasia on site at all times. Appropriate method used according to stage of production, staff responsible for the task trained to confirm insensibility and death.

## Questions?

For more information, please visit the Canadian Pork Excellence website [cpc-ccp.com/cpe-faq](http://cpc-ccp.com/cpe-faq) or contact Ontario Pork's Industry and Member Services at 519-767-4600 ext.1221 or [cpe@ontariopork.on.ca](mailto:cpe@ontariopork.on.ca)



## PigSAFE

**Medicated water (Q4.2.5):** Water medication system must be calibrated once a year and water lines identified.

**Medicated feed (Q4.4.3):** On farm feed mills must be calibrated once a year and feed performance test completed once every three years.

**Medication withdrawal (Q5.4.2):** Producer must ensure the correct dose is used, and withdrawal is tracked and respected prior to shipping.

**Needles and injections (5.2.2) and Risk management of broken needles (5.3.3):** Use of appropriate needle gauge and length for pig size, change dull or bent needles, and immediately identify pigs with broken needles.

**Pest management (Q6.1.1.b or 6.1.1.c):** Measures in place to prevent birds, wildlife and rodents from entering the barn and guidelines around the use of Health Canada approved rodenticides: [canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/pesticides-pest-management/fact-sheets-other-resources/rodenticides-agricultural-settings.html](http://canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/consumer-product-safety/reports-publications/pesticides-pest-management/fact-sheets-other-resources/rodenticides-agricultural-settings.html)

## Compliance

If any of these requirements are not met, validators will issue a Corrective Action Request (CAR), establishing a timeline for when the issue needs to be fixed or completed. Failure to complete a CAR in the specified timeline can lead to a site being removed from the Canadian Pork Excellence (CPE) program and not being able to ship hogs to federal processing plants.