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Bird Strike

The issue of a potential health risk to personnel involved in maintenance tasks following a bird strike has been discussed with bio-safety specialists at the World Health Organization and, while the risk is remote, the following general measures are recommended:

- Wear disposable gloves
- If body contact is unavoidable while cleaning the engine, wear a disposable coverall, a face mask and eye protection.
- Do not use air or water under pressure to clean the part of the aircraft that was hit by the bird (it can create aerosols).
- Remove the bird remains and put them in a plastic bag.
- Do not touch face, eyes, nose, etc. with your gloves.
- Remove the gloves, the disposable coverall and mask (if used) and put them in the same plastic bag as the remains and seal the bag.
- Dispose of the bag as for normal garbage.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides detailed guidelines for bird strike in "**affected areas**". These guidelines can be reviewed on the following CDC website:

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/avian-flu-bird-collisions.htm>