

General info - work site kea proofing

General

Ensure site is as unattractive to kea as possible. This way they may well leave a working site alone and cause minimal damage:

1. Ensure all crew and visitors to the site are aware to NEVER feed kea – it only takes one event to encourage kea to revisit a site once food is offered. This includes not throwing food scraps in the surrounding bush, or chucking anything out vehicle windows (even when kea are not around).
2. Cover any soft materials (such as seats, polystyrene, exposed wiring and hosing) which may attract kea, with tarpaulins or netting.
3. Ensure no rubbish lying around.
4. Ensure doors on vehicles/buildings are closed at all times.
5. Reduce access to any potential roosting areas.

Particular areas of concern

Wiring/ electrical equipment

- a. Where possible all wires placed directly behind and into hut so not exposed to kea.
- b. Metal flexible ducting over exposed wires
- c. Cover over plugs

Windows & Doors (inclusive of work vehicles)

- a. Keep shut at all times.
- b. Block any access areas with plywood sheets or tarpaulins.

Pink bats insulation.

- a. To be covered at all times when building in progress
- b. Ensure no access possible to keas.

Other pollutants

- a. Remove (ie do not simply throw under building) all potential pollutants ie old batteries or lead roofing.
- b. Ensure all rubbish is kept in covered rubbish bins and remove from site on a regular basis

If kea start becoming a nuisance

If kea start causing damage to items on the site, in the first instance contact either the Kea Conservation Trust (KCT) (info@keaconservation.co.nz; Ph 0274249594) or Department of Conservation (DOC).

You can also find some general ideas for kea proofing on the KCT website via the following link- (<http://www.keaconservation.co.nz/support-kea/kea-proofing/>) some of which are as follows:

- Use water (hose/sprinkler systems) to dissuade kea from landing on areas.
- A poultry approved electric fence system (operated by D batteries) can also be used.
- Use tarpaulins and nets to cover vehicles/equipment.