Why is the location of my premises important?
Effluent, flood water, waste material and other pollutants can be sources of contamination which can be spread to the meat, so abattoirs should be 2 km away from landfill, open sewers and contaminated or infested areas. This is to prevent the spread of notifiable transmissible disease as Foot and Mouth Disease or Anthrax. The 2 km exclusion zone helps to restrict the disbursal of such diseases.

How can the food be protected if the premises cannot be moved?
- Premises need to be well structured and in good repair to prevent cross contamination from polluted sources
- Premises need to have good pest proofing