

# Chronic Wasting Disease

## CWD



This is a progressive, fatal disease of the central nervous system that attacks cervids (e.g. deer, moose, elk, and caribou). There is currently no treatment.

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS\*

Uncoordinated movements

Excessive thirst

Emaciated

A silhouette of a deer with lines pointing to its head, neck, and body, corresponding to the symptoms listed.


Drooping head

Similar symptoms may be observed in other diseases.  
\*Sometimes no clinical symptoms are shown.


### CWD SAMPLING

MNRF staff annually test wild deer and other cervids in Ontario.


Since **2002**, Ontario has tested more than **13,000** wild deer and elk



And over **3,100** farmed deer and elk for the disease



All tests have been negative



### LOCATION

CWD has been found in 3 Canadian provinces:



Alberta

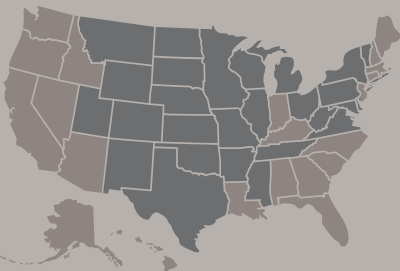


Saskatchewan



Quebec

Also in 26 US states




### LEGAL

**CANNOT**


Bring in high risk body parts (brain, spinal column, etc.) of cervids from other provinces or states.

Use products that contain bodily fluids from any cervids for the purpose of hunting.




**MUST**


Hold a permit to transport live, captive cervids that are native to Ontario, into or through the province.



### CONTACT



If you see a sick deer, report it to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781 or the Natural Resources Information and Support Centre 1-800-667-1940.



More information and details regarding CWD regulations at [ontario.ca/cwd](https://ontario.ca/cwd)