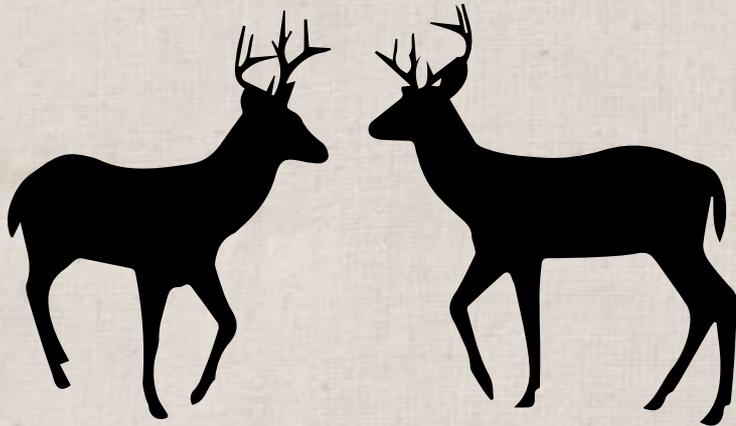


# How Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is Transmitted

CWD can spread to new areas in different ways. Unintentionally transporting infected carcasses is one of the known risks for introducing CWD prions to new areas. Learn how to prevent the spread of CWD by adhering to requirements related to importing deer, elk, moose and caribou carcasses or carcass parts into Florida at [MyFWC.com/Deer](http://MyFWC.com/Deer).

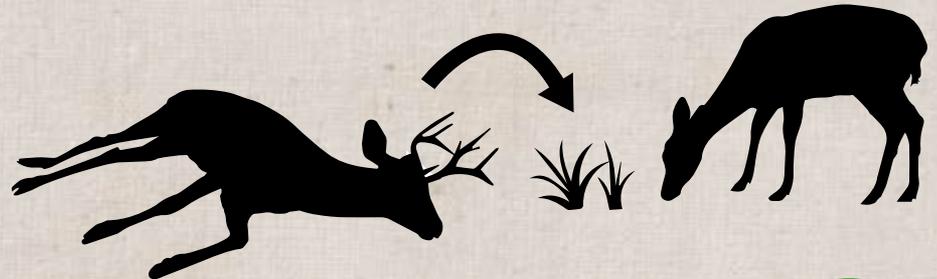
## Direct Transmission

CWD may be directly transmitted to members of the deer family via direct contact with infected animals.



## Indirect Transmission

Members of the deer family also can become infected when they consume prions present in soil contaminated with the feces, urine, saliva, other bodily fluids, or decomposed tissues of a CWD-infected animal. The abnormal prions that cause CWD persist in the environment and remain contagious for years.



CWD, which has NOT been detected in Florida, is a contagious neurological disease that causes deer to die. The FWC is testing deer in Florida for CWD. If you see a deer that is sick or dead due to unknown causes, call the CWD hotline at 866-293-9282. Learn more at [MyFWC.com/CWD](http://MyFWC.com/CWD).



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