

How to recognise Sick and Injured Koalas

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Infected or inflamed eyes

The koala's eyes can look red, puffy or crusty. This indicates a condition called conjunctivitis.

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Wet or dirty bottom

The koala's bottom is wet and has dirty, dark coloured staining. This indicates a condition called cystitis.

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Sitting on the ground or at a base of a tree

The koala hasn't moved for a long time, but looks alive.

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Signs of injury

The koala has clear signs of injury. These could be visible cuts, abrasions or bleeding.

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Other signs of illness

Showing other signs of illness/ being unwell. Such as any discharge from the nose or looking skinny.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit: environment.qld.gov.au/wildlife/animals/living-with/koalas/care-and-rescue/ambulance



What to do with an Unwell Koala



Call a wildlife carer on 1300 ANIMAL (264 625) if you observed a sick, injured or dead koala.



Avoid touching the koala if it's in a safe location. Do not move or touch the animal.



Ensure that dogs are kept away from the koala. Barking dogs can severely stress a koala and a dog bite can be fatal.



Place an item (such as a laundry basket or other item with ventilation holes) over the koala to stop it from moving away.



Stay with the koala until help arrives. This ensures the koala's safety.



Report the koala on QWildlife; the free Queensland government app for reporting healthy, sick, injured and deceased koalas.



If the koala is under immediate threat of being seriously injured until help arrives, you can act if safe to do so. Approach the koala from behind and cover the back and head with a very thick towel and support the body while moving it away from immediate danger.