

Unit 21: Disbudding Teacher's notes

Introduction

Disbudding involves the removal of the horn forming cells at the base of the bud.

There are two common methods:

- The hot iron
- Chemical cauterization.

This session will look at some legislative issues and the technique of both procedures.

At the end of this session the learners will be able to:

- Explain the welfare legislation in place for disbudding
- Describe the correct technique of using the hot iron
- Describe the procedure of chemical cauterization

Key words

Disbudding
Cauterization
Occipital groove
Cranial nerve
Anaesthetic
Polled
Bud
Horn cells

Resources

- Factsheet
- Relevant websites
- Film clip of disbudding

Learning activities to generate evidence that learning has taken place

- Legislative quiz
- Create a script game.