



Under proposed federal traceability laws, slap tattoos will be an acceptable method of identification on hogs sent for slaughter. Please make sure that tattoos are 100% readable.

**STEP 1: MATERIAL PREPARATION**

- Use permanent ink (accredited by CFIA)
- Keep your hammer in good condition with clean numbers
- Never clean equipment with alcohol or gas
- Always replace broken or bent numbers

**STEP 2: THE TATTOO**

- Use the number(s) that are officially assigned to the premises where hogs are shipped from (contact your provincial pork organization to obtain official numbers)
- Ensure that the numbers are in the correct order
- Tattoo close to shipping time
- Aim for the shoulder
- Dip the hammer in the ink often

**STEP 3: MONITORING**

- Train and follow up with employees
- RECORD ALL INFORMATION AT [www.pigtrace.ca](http://www.pigtrace.ca)

**REMEMBER:**

Proper tattooing is key to effective traceability and helps to **ensure you get paid properly for your hogs**