

RURAL CRIME ... PREVENTION...

FARM BUILDING SECURITY

In the rural environment good home security is essential and is an effective deterrent against crime.

This leaflet is designed to help you prevent becoming a victim of theft and provide reassurance that there are many simple safety measures you can take to protect your premises.

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Official Police Security Initiative

Secured by Design (SBD), the national police crime prevention initiative, works with Police Forces around the UK and many other organisations to achieve sustainable reductions in crime to help people live in a safer society.



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HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FARM PERIMETER:

- Reduce access by removing all gates and entrances that are no longer in use and replacing them with a permanent fence or other barrier
- Secure all gates with good padlocks
- Repair fencing promptly to prevent/restrict any future unauthorised access

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FARMHOUSE:

- Fit British Standard key operated locks to all ground floor and accessible windows and mortice locks to all outside doors
- Repair fencing and other damage promptly to prevent/restricts any unauthorised access
- Use timing devices on interior lights when your house is unoccupied and keep doors locked when no one is home
- All property should be uniquely marked, photographed and recorded in an asset register that includes serial and model numbers

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR OUTBUILDINGS AND SHEDS:

- Ensure that all external doors are of solid construction with suitable locks or a close shackle padlock and bar fitted to it
- Hide the contents from view using protective grilles on windows if appropriate
- Ensure property is locked away at night or when not in use

SUSPICIOUS CALLERS:

- Beware of any suspicious callers – strangers may not always be what they seem. Check their identity and if in doubt, note their description and any vehicle they may be using and call the police. Your call may be important and save others from the opportunist thief

RURAL WATCH SCOTLAND:

Watch Schemes work well as a crime prevention and detection tool but are also extremely valuable in terms of enabling local communities to share information, allow agencies to send out relevant crime alerts, and empower local communities to be more resilient.

To receive local ALERTS about crime and other threats in your area, simply click the green JOIN button on the Rural Watch Website www.ruralwatchscotland.co.uk.

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

A complete guide to "Security in the Rural Environment" can be accessed from the Police Scotland website,
http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/keep_safe/rural-prevention-booklet

Comprehensive crime prevention advice can be obtained from your local policing team by telephoning 101.

Remember: If you can think of a way of defeating your existing security measures, so can the criminal.

Any suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101, or alternatively information can be passed anonymously to Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**. For emergencies call **999**.



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