

RURAL CRIME ... PREVENTION

FARM VEHICLES, MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT 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/PROPERTY 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/restricts any future unauthorised access.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FARM VEHICLES, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT:

- Park as close to your premises as possible, preferably out of sight from nearby roads
- Remove keys when not in use.
- Fit wheel clamps and/or locking posts or consider an alarm.
- Park larger vehicles in front of access doors to prevent easy access.
- Mark or customise your property so it is easily identifiable. This can deter thieves and assist recovery if they are stolen.
- Consider tracking devices for high value vehicles and machinery.
- Keep a record of all machinery, tools, vehicles and equipment with photographs and serial numbers.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FUEL:

- Vehicle fuel tanks should be fitted with locking fuel caps. These can be alarmed if appropriate.
- Avoid leaving vehicles exposed in fields with full tanks of fuel or filling the tanks last thing at night.
- Restrict access to where vehicles are parked. Thieves will not carry large quantities of fuel over any distance to their vehicle.

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.



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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.

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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