

RURAL CRIME ... PREVENTION...

LIVESTOCK SECURITY

In the rural environment good security is essential and is an effective deterrent against crime. Grazing animals are potential targets for criminals and should be treated like any other valuable property. On the whole, sheep are the most common animal to be stolen and 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 livestock.

Secured by Design



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 LIVESTOCK:

- Check the security of boundary fencing/hedging and make regular checks of fields where animals are kept to ensure fences are not breached.
- Use ear tags, forensic keel paint, horn brands, freeze marking or tattooing to make animals more easily identifiable.
- Take photographs of particularly valuable animals.
- Keep all documentation and stock movement books in a secure location away from areas where the stocks are kept.
- Report all suspicious activity involving livestock to the police.

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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