



# FARM SECURITY



WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGHT CRIME

# WHAT CAN **YOU** AFFORD TO LOSE? **NOTHING!**

- Where are your tools, quads, trailers and other expensive equipment, are they vulnerable to theft?
- Have you ever found anyone in your yard without a valid reason for being there?
- Has anyone just turned up unexpectedly to try to buy or sell you something?
- Have you seen suspicious vehicles on your property or in the neighbourhood?

**Report suspicious activity to your local police service**



# SECURITY

## Consider the following

### Access to your property

Restrict access to your yard. Install gates and fix them to a sturdy concrete or metal post. Keep locked.

### Boundaries

Fencing, hedges and walls should be robust, well maintained and checked regularly for breaches.

### Alarm/CCTV

Consider installing an alarm in vulnerable areas. An alarm will emit an audible warning and CCTV will provide surveillance on places out of view of the farmhouse.

### Lighting

Illuminate areas which are overlooked from the dwelling or covered by CCTV.

### Outbuildings

Store your tools and smaller machinery items in a building with enhanced security features close to the farmhouse.



# PROPERTY MARKING

Property Marking will identify items as belonging to you. This can be an effective deterrent.

Photograph machinery and tools. To get an idea of scale have someone stand beside larger items such as quads and trailers. Use a ruler for smaller items.

Make a register of the make, serial number, colour and any unusual features on equipment. Indicate the type of property marking and where applied on the item.

For example:

Description	Property Mark	Location	Serial No	Value
Red Honda Quad	Smartwater	2 Under seat L&R side	01834001	£4000
		L Brake Cable		
	Permanent Marker	Rear behind seat (postcode)		
		In front of seat (postcode)		
	Etching/Engraving	Metal work under seat		
		Below battery		
Ifor W Trailer 8ft	Stencil BL5	Top, front, rear and sides	002984758	£3000
	Etching/Engraving	*Postcode inside rear ns light		
	Red Web	On wiring underneath		

\*In place of postcode use VRN or unique farm group ID number.

## Overt marking

- Stencil the Farm Group and registered number ie BL5 (approx 8 inches high) on your farm vehicles/machinery.
- Use heavy-duty etching/stencilling to write your house number and postcode.
- Permanent heavy-duty marking can be done with a welder or grinder.

## Covert marking

- Smartwater and other similar products can be applied in places not easily detectable by the thief.
- Etching or Engraving can be done underneath machinery or in areas which will become mud splattered and so remain hidden.
- A permanent marker may be appropriate to mark smaller equipment.
- A soldering iron is effective for permanent marking on plastic areas.

### Mark on roof

Farmer Group ID or postcode

### Farm Group ID

Stencil

### ID mark inside light fixture

- \*Smartwater
- UV marker
- \*Data tag
- \*Red Web

### Farm Group ID

Stencil

### Engraving

Postcode or VRM



### Engraving

Postcode and house number

### Hidden under seat

- \*Smartwater
- \*Data tag
- \*Red Web

### Obvious mark

Permanent marker -  
Postcode



**Record any obvious damage or repairs which may help with the recovery of stolen machinery.**

\*These are only examples, other products are available.

# HOME SECURITY

## Your Farm is your Home!

### Basic tips

Some of the ideas highlighted in this booklet can also be applied to your dwelling.

- Consider appropriate good quality locks, bolts and bars on doors and windows.
- Always secure your home, close and lock windows and doors - even if you are only going out for a short time.
- Don't hide spare keys outside.
- Don't leave ladders or other climbing aids lying around outside. Ensure windows, skylights and vents are protected from the burglar.

### Intruder Alarms

A visible intruder alarm will help deter thieves and provide internal protection for a building. Get specialist advice and shop around for best value. The system you install should meet **PD6662 standard (NI)** or **EN50131 (ROI)**.





## WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

**Innovative thinking - for which farmers are well noted - can be applied to many security issues in and around your property.**

**In all aspects of security regarding your home and business, good neighbourliness and vigilance are the most effective deterrent against crime and the detection of offenders.**

- Watch out for your neighbours and their property, hopefully, they will do the same for you.
- Consider joining the local Neighbourhood Watch/Community Alert.
- A dog can be a noisy deterrent to intruders.
- Report any suspicious activity to your local Police Service immediately.



# Secure your property and help stop crime.

For practical crime prevention and security advice contact the  
Crime Prevention Officer at your local Police/Garda Station.

Call 0845 600 8000 for Northern Ireland  
or for Donegal Garda Division  
(00353) (0)74 9167 100  
and ask for your local police/Gardai

**In an Emergency call 999**





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**CRIMESTOPPERS**  
**1800 25 00 25**  
Make the right call. Now.  
ALL CALLS ANONYMOUS AND FREE.  
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[www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie)