

## Other Crime Concerns for Farm Families this Winter

- Beware of Traders and Callers
- Do not purchase items from unknown persons
- During periods of absence from home leave lights on, lock doors, windows, gates and use outdoor lights and alarms
- Do not post travel plans and activities on social media in advance
- At ATM's or Bank's be aware of your surroundings and who is present
- Shield your pin
- Inspect the ATM for any interference or anything unusual
- Check the websites you are using for safe banking signs (look for the closed lock icon)
- See if there are any phone numbers or references available
- Fraudsters set up legitimate looking websites to sell either counterfeit or non-existent goods
- The following items are top of the list for fraudulent selling
- Smart Phones
- Digital Cameras
- Designer goods- jewellery, handbags, boots and electronic toys
- Laptops and Notebooks
- Video Game Systems

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### A note from An Garda Síochána

*"An Garda Síochána is fully supportive of initiatives that prevent, deter and reduce farm related crime."*

*The IFA Theft Stop and Secure Winter Initiative are excellent examples of effective Crime Prevention partnerships focused on making our communities safer"*

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## For more information

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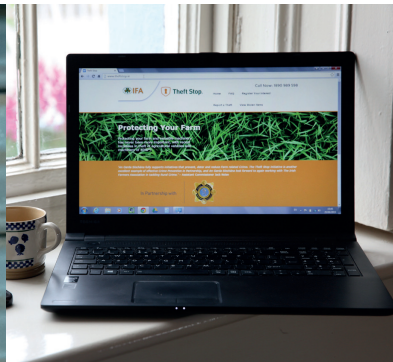
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# Crime Prevention



Stay Safe and Secure this Winter

# Essential Crime Prevention Tips



## IFA Crime Prevention

IFA has launched a number of Crime Prevention Campaigns throughout the year. In addition IFA has made a detailed submission to the Policing Authority on the 2018 Policing Plan. IFA has made a representation to members of the Oireachtas on the following:

- Repeat offending
- Offending while on bail
- Use of Free Legal Aid for repeat offenders
- Greater sentences for crimes against the person and property
- Addressing the law on Lurchers and Illegal Trespass
- Greater visibility of Gardai in Rural Areas
- Improved Garda Resources in Rural Areas

IFA works with An Garda Síochána on a number of joint initiatives to promote security and safety on Irish farms.

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## Marking your property acts as a major deterrent

There are a number of ways to mark your property, some or all of the following will help reduce loss

- Make a list of all tools, machinery and equipment
- List all serial numbers
- Mark with a unique **Theftstop** number
- Engrave the item with your number or name
- Use an angle grinder to mark property
- Use a welder or hot plate to permanently mark the item
- Use a punch kit to mark your number on all items
- Hang a gate sign to advise that all of your property is marked
- Use permanent markers or an ultraviolet pen
- Photograph these items and keep in a safe place

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## Home and Farm

Secure your Home Farm and Business by implementing some or all of the following.

- **Restrict access** to property by use of gates, barriers, posts and fences
- **Ensure** that hedges, boundary walls and fences are properly maintained
- **Make sure** all areas of approach to gates, outbuildings and domestic dwellings are adequately provided for with motion detection lighting systems
- **The proper use** and deployment of an alarm system and have them monitored will be of huge benefit
- **Deploy a CCTV** system for the farm and home this will act a great deterrent and provide real time information of activities
- **Secure** all tools and equipment in a lock up with an alarm, CCTV and lighting. Cash, jewellery and all personal items should also be placed in a secure or sealed (safe) area.

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