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IFA CRIME PREVENTION

Home Security; Your Farm is your Home

DO

- ✓ Make a record of vehicle make, colour and Reg. Number of strangers when they call to your farm
- ✓ Note the general description of caller(s) height, accent, gait, nationality, hair colour, eye colour tattoos, etc..
- ✓ Contact your local Garda Station as soon as possible
- ✓ Mark all your property with your unique personal I.D.
- ✓ Keep a record of serial numbers to cross reference
- ✓ Consider installing a tracking system on your equipment

DO NOT

- ✗ Buy machinery, trailers, tractors, quads, ride-on- mowers, etc. from strangers
- ✗ Pay cash for goods
- ✗ **NOTE: NO RECEIPT - NO GUARANTEE**

REMEMBER

If you are in possession of stolen goods you may be liable to prosecution

For more information

Contact the IFA Crime Prevention Office
or call 087 100 6515
or visit www.theftstop.ie

Closing the Gate on Rural Crime

"It is critically important that IFA members and rural Ireland dwellers work together to help combat crime and deter the criminals from carrying out these acts that have a detrimental effect on farm and rural life. Property Marking is one of the most effective ways in which to do so. Take the time, make the effort and MARK IT. Together we can stop the crime."

Richard Kennedy
Deputy President,
Crime and Security
Spokesperson IFA



Farm & Plant Security Tractors, Trailers, Construction Machinery, Quads, etc.

You can 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?



Home Security

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 EN50131 (ROI standard).

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 your local Neighbourhood Watch / Community Alert.
- ✓ A dog can be a noisy deterrent to intruders.
- ✓ Report any suspicious activity to your local Garda Station immediately.

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 them 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.

Overt Marking

- ✓ **Stencil** your unique code and registered number – for example - BL5 (approx 8 inches high) on your farm vehicles / plant/machinery.
- ✓ **Use heavy duty etching/ stenciling** to write your house number and name.

Deputy President, Richard Kennedy, demonstrates how to mark your property.

- ✓ **Permanent heavy-duty marking** can be done with a welder or grinder.

Covert Marking

- ✓ **Products such as Forensic DNA type marking** can be applied to areas/places not easily detectable by the criminal/thief. Contact your local Crime Prevention Officer for information / advice if required.

- ✓ **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.