

PROTECTING RURAL PROPERTY



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RURAL CRIME



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- Farms or smallholdings can join their local Farm or Rural Watch scheme – speak to your local police team by calling 101.
- Consider additional security measures such as PIR sensor lighting, CCTV and alarms. Stand Alone Beam Alarms are a less expensive option.
- Store valuable items such as equipment, tools or small vehicles in secure buildings with good-quality doors and British Standard locks and windows. Consider parking a vehicle in front of doors or gates overnight.
- To prevent gate thefts use capping hinges or inverse/bend the hinge pins and spot-weld washers to the gate pins to stop bolts being undone.
- Don't leave attachments out and in the same place for extended periods of time. Thieves could learn of their location and they can be stolen to order.
- Trailers and horseboxes can be stolen and used to steal other items, including anything in them. Lock them away or use a hitch lock.
- Lock equipment in sea containers if they need to be stored away from farm buildings.
- Make sure that all farm vehicles are immobilised or kept in a locked building. If left in fields, make sure they're not near roads. Don't leave keys in the ignition, even in the yard. Try to keep them in a lockbox if more than one person needs access to them.
- Avoid putting diesel storage tanks in isolated areas. If this isn't possible, consider fencing or planting that will disguise the tank. A mobile bowser could also be used to store diesel and should be kept in a secure barn when not in use.
- Make sure any metal items, scrap or materials are kept out of sight. Contact us if you're approached by anyone in relation to scrap metal.
- Use eartags, horn brands, freezemarking, microchipping or tattooing to make animals more easily identifiable, and count livestock regularly. Make a note of any distinguishing marks or features on horses or other high-value animals.
- Call 999 if you see people acting suspiciously and believe a theft is in progress.
- If you would like further advice about protecting your home or business, please contact your local neighbourhood police team by calling 101.

Reporting a crime? Call 101 or 999
www.avonandsomerset.police.uk

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Call anonymously with information about crime