

An Garda Síochána Farm & Plant Security



What can YOU afford to lose?

NOTHING! REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO YOUR LOCAL GARDA STATION

- 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?



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

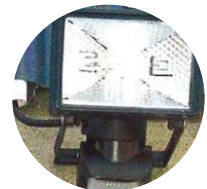
Fencing, hedges and walls should be robust, well maintained and checked regularly for breaches.

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.



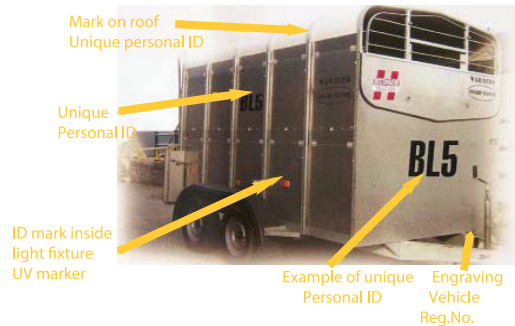
Property Marking

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. See Garda Property App below.

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/stencilling to write your house number and name.
- 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.



Garda Property App

Available from Apple Store and Android Play.

The Garda Property App was developed by An Garda Síochána to assist and encourage members of the public to record their property details (including farm equipment) on their own smartphone that can be retrieved and passed onto Gardaí should the owner of the property wish to report it lost or stolen. The app is available to download for free from the Apple Store and Android Play.

