

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 GARDA STATION**



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.



Example:

Description	Property Mark	Location	Serial No	Value
Honda Quad	Contact your local Crime Prevention Officer	2 Under seat L & R side L Brake Cable	01834001	€4,000
	Permanent Marker	Rear behind seat In front of seat		
		Etching/Engraving	Metalwork under seat Below battery	
	Ifor W Trailer 8ft	Stencil unique code	Top, front, rear and sides	002984758
Etching/Engraving		Personal I.D. inside rear light		
Forensic DNA type marking		On wiring underneath		

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

Example of Identification mark welded onto machinery



Engraving Tool:

Example of Engraving

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.

Mark on roof
Unique personal ID

Unique Personal ID

ID mark inside light fixture
* UV marker



Example of unique Personal ID

Engraving Vehicle Reg. No.

Engraving Name & House No.

Hidden under seat
Unique Personal ID



Obvious Mark
Permanent Marker - Personal ID

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

HOME SECURITY

YOUR FARM IS YOUR HOME!

DO's

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

DO NOT's

- DO NOT** - Buy machinery, trailers, tractors, quads, ride-on-mowers, etc. from strangers
- DO NOT** - Pay cash for goods

NOTE: NO RECEIPT - NO GUARANTEE

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

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).



Keep your access gates to your property closed and consider appropriate signage.



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.



Secure your property and help stop crime

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

CRIMESTOPPERS
Freephone 1800 25 00 25

For further details see:

www.garda.ie

In an Emergency, call **999** or **112**
and ask for your local
Gardaí



FARM SECURITY CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE



Farm & Plant Security



**Tractors, Construction
Machinery, Trailers, Quads, etc.**