

FARM SECURITY TIPS



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FENCES AND GATES

- Regularly check the condition of boundary fences and gates. Pay attention to slack wiring, investigate the cause and repair any damage as soon as possible.
- Contact police if fences appear to have been deliberately cut or tampered with.
- Mount gates at entrances to your property and other high risk areas securely to strong posts and lock with heavy duty chains and padlocks when not in use.

LIGHTING

- Security lighting should be installed around your home and sheds.
- Consider installing sensor-style lights which activate automatically when movement is within range.
- Consider using light timers to automatically turn lights on or off when not at home.

INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM

- An alarm system may enhance the security of your home. Research has shown monitored alarm systems are more effective as they alert you or your security company to intruders.
- Any alarm system should be manufactured and installed to Australian Standards.
- The system should be designed to provide maximum coverage of your home, garage and storage facilities.
- Remember to regularly check the battery and test the system.

DOORS

- External doors and frames should be of solid construction.
- Doors should be fitted with quality locks, which comply with the Building Code of Australia (Fire Regulations) and Australian Standards.
- Spare keys should not be hidden outside the home but left with trusted friends or neighbours.
- When absent from your property remove any keys to your doors and window locks.
- Consider installing patio bolts on sliding doors.
- Access points under the home should be secured.

WINDOWS

- External windows and frames should be of solid construction and window frames should be anchored to the building to prevent easy removal.
- Windows should be fitted with quality locks and kept locked when not in use.
- Glass doors and windows should be reinforced to restrict unauthorised access through these areas.
- Consider installing metal security grilles or shutters on windows (Caution: these can trap occupants in an emergency such as a fire if not properly installed).

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION

- Mark your property with your driver's licence number, prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia, e.g. S123456.
- For items that cannot be engraved, e.g. ceramics, antiques, etc., mark with a UV pen.
- Photograph jewellery with a ruler beside it to give an indication of the actual size.
- Record all details on a property record and keep it in a safe place.
- Consider installing GPS trackers on expensive farm equipment to assist police in locating it, if it is stolen.

REPORT ANONYMOUSLY

If you have information about unsolved crime or suspicious activity, anonymously share it with Crime Stoppers online or freecall 1800 333 000

