Trespassing

Trespassers who enter private rural land are a constant concern for landholders. Many of these trespassers unlawfully enter properties to hunt illegally. As well as committing offences of hunting animals without the landholder's permission, trespassers have been linked to other offences such as leaving gates open, killing livestock and stealing fuel.

- Lock boundary gates.
- Consider installing security cameras to monitor entrance points and homestead areas.
- Keep a record of equipment stored on the property and secure valuable items in a lockable shed.
- Keep a daily diary of all activities on the property.
- Keep a record of anyone who has permission to be on the property and require them to notify the property manager every time they come onto the property.
- If trespassers are sighted, make a note of the time, date and a description of the people and vehicles. A simple digital camera is also a good tool for taking photos that can be used by police to prosecute offenders.

If a crime is happening now, call **Triple Zero (000).** If not, think **Policelink**

• Always ensure that you know where your equipment is located on the farm.







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call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or visit crimestoppersqld.com.au

To report crime anonymously,



and report online.

Theft of farm machinery causes huge financial and personal losses for farmers. Machinery such as tractors, ploughs, generators, compressors, quad runners, machinery parts, welders and power tools amongst others are all attractive items to offenders.

Improve security on your farm

- Remove the keys from powered machinery and if possible, disable the machinery.
- Ensure that the doors of machinery with cabs are locked.
- Prevent theft of radios from machinery, install radios that operate only with a security code that is connected to the auxiliary power of the machine.
- Secure machinery with heavy chains and good quality locks.
- Large farm machinery, not in use, should be stored in a secured shed, preferably in sight of a farmhouse or in a highly visible area.
- Always ensure that you know where your equipment is located on the farm.
- Position machinery where it can be seen from a neighbour's or employee's house or park it out of sight behind a tree or hill should it be necessary to leave machinery out overnight.

- Ensure all machinery and pieces of equipment are marked with identification and maintain a property record with the description, serial number, chassis and model numbers of the machines.
- There are numerous ways to mark your equipment including engraving, painting, stamping, welding, etching and using data dots/ micro dots. It is recommended your licence number be used as identification.
- Consider taking a photograph or a video of machinery and valuable equipment and store them with the property record.
- Use lockable fuel caps.
- Secure tools and tool boxes.
- Consider installing security cameras to monitor locations where machinery is stored.

Be wary of offers that are too good to be true as they usually are!

Report all suspicious activity to police.