



## Chemicals and fertilisers

- Store fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides in their original containers in dedicated locked areas separate to animal health chemicals, stockfeed and fuel.
- Contact WorkCover Qld for advice on authorisations and security requirements for all hazardous materials including Security Sensitive Ammonium Nitrate and explosives.
- Maintain a full inventory of on-farm chemicals including the product name, container description, formulation type, batch numbers, manufacturers' name, expiry dates. Keep invoices/receipts.

## Storage facilities

- Construct storage facilities within sight of the house.
- Use strong materials and heavy duty roller shutters or metal gates that can be locked shut.

## Finally

- Trim vegetation that creates concealment opportunities and blocks the line of sight from the house.
- Install double cylinder deadlocks or deadbolts on all perimeter doors.
- Don't hide keys outside.
- Install security lighting and consider installing security cameras around the homestead, shed and entrance points on your property.
- Engrave or permanently mark all property information that is unique to you such as your driver's licence or PIC numbers.
- Make a detailed inventory of all personal valuables and household & farm equipment. Record serial and model numbers, inscriptions, replacement value and other identifying features.
- Photograph or video valuable stock, machinery, jewellery, antiques and other collectables.
- Ensure guns and ammunition are registered and locked in an approved gun cabinet securely bolted to the floor.
- Avoid leaving the property unattended at the same time each week.
- Cancel deliveries while away.
- Notify trusted friends and neighbours as to where you may be contacted during your absence.



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# Shut the gate on Rural Crime







## Tips for improving the security on your property

### Boundary fences and gates

- Regularly check the condition of boundary fences and gates. Repair any damage as soon as possible. Contact the police if the fences appear to have been deliberately interfered with.
- Mount gates securely to strong posts. Lock with heavy duty chains and padlocks.
- Post “No trespassing” signs around the perimeter of the property.

### Livestock

- Identify all livestock upon receipt or soon after birth using permanent registered forms of identification such as earmarks, brands, ear tags and/or tattoos.
- All cattle must be identified with a National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS) electronic device before leaving any property.
- Regularly check livestock and report suspected losses to police as soon as possible.
- Maintain accurate records of livestock numbers, purchases and sales. Deaths and ratios should be accounted for.
- Livestock travelling by vehicle must be accompanied by a Movement Record and/or National Vendor Declaration (NVD)/ Electronic National Vendor Declaration (eNVD).

### Farm machinery, tools and equipment

- Store machinery, tools and other farm equipment in a secure, locked shed.
- Engrave or permanently mark all equipment in at least two places including any removable parts with information that is unique to you.
- Use a welder to engrave large items so that they can be recognised even if offenders attempt to grind the mark off.
- Never leave keys in the ignition and lock cab doors.
- If equipment must be left out in the open disable it.
- Position equipment where it can be seen from the homestead and is out of sight from the main road.
- Secure equipment to strongly anchored objects (trees) with heavy chains and case-hardened locks.

### Stockyards

- Padlock gates and loading ramps to prevent unauthorised use.
- Build stockyards away from the road and in sight of the homestead.

### Shearing sheds

- Lock handpieces, combs & cutters, stencils, brands, wool bales and other experting equipment away.

### Fuel tanks

- Fuel tanks should be locked and visible from the homestead.
- Dip fuel tanks daily to monitor fuel usage. Install a flow meter to supervise fuel use.

### Grain, hay and seed

- Protect grain, hay and seed in locked storage areas visible from the homestead.
- Lock augers and other loading equipment when not in use.
- Do not leave trucks full of grain standing in paddocks overnight.
- Weigh loaded trucks before they leave the property and follow first load to the silo.

### Timber

- Keep a record of valuable timber. Mark each with permanent paint.
- Tell neighbours when someone will be harvesting timber on the property.

### Help prevent Rural Crime

As a landholder, you can help prevent rural crime by following these simple steps to protect your property, machinery, and livestock:

- improve farm, household, and personal security
- ensure all property is clearly marked for easy identification
- report crime and suspicious activity to police.

### Report rural crime

Contact **Policelink 13 14 44** or **Crime Stoppers** if you see or hear of unusual movements of stock, vehicles, or people.

Record the time, date, location, description of vehicle, registration number and description of person/s.

To report crime anonymously, call **Crime Stoppers** on 1800 333 000.

