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FARM SECURITY GUIDE

This guide is a practical tool to help you review your current farm security measures, identify potential security risks, and explore opportunities for enhanced preventative measures.

It is important to remember that security changes may require some modification to your everyday behaviours. Locking gates and sheds as part of your daily routine, being conscious of where you store machinery, equipment and firearms, and reporting

suspicious activities are all positive security habits. Although these measures may not completely deter all offenders in all cases, they will complicate their efforts, increase your awareness of suspicious activity in a timely manner, and aid in preserving potential evidence.

Where a specific risk to your security is identified, you are encouraged to consult with industry specialists to discuss treatment options.

| EXTERNAL PERIMETER SECURITY: | NOTES |
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| Are boundary fences in good condition? | |
| Are boundary gates sturdy, well-maintained, and secured appropriately? | |
| Are there visible signs indicating private property, no trespass, and informing of CCTV or other security measures? | |
| MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT: | |
| Are machinery and equipment stored in a secure shed, preferably in sight of the homestead or an employee's or neighbour's house? | |
| If machinery and equipment must be left outdoors, are they placed out-of-sight from the main road, visible from the homestead, and secured appropriately (such as trees) using heavy-duty chains and high-quality locks? | |
| Are keys removed from powered equipment, and is machinery disabled where possible? | |
| Are all machinery and equipment engraved or permanently marked, with identification and property records maintained? | |
| FUEL TANK SECURITY: | |
| Are minimal amounts of fuel stored in areas that are difficult to secure, such as within the paddock or in machinery located in the paddock? | |
| Are fuel tanks well-lit at night with security lighting, and monitored by CCTV? | |
| Are fuel tanks dipped regularly and flow meters installed to monitor fuel usage? | |
| Are any suspected incidents of fuel theft reported to the police? | |
| Are fuel tanks positioned away from main roads and visible from the homestead? | |
| SHEDS, GARAGES, AND OTHER STORAGE FACILITIES: | |
| Are sheds, garages, and other storage facilities locked when not in use? | |
| Are windows and doors fitted with security screens and high-quality locks? | |
| Are the sheds, garages, and other storage facilities within sight of the homestead? | |

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| HOMESTEAD SECURITY: | |
| Has vegetation surrounding the homestead been trimmed to minimise opportunities for offender concealment? | |
| Are doors and windows solid and fitted with high-quality locks and other security features, such as security screens, grills, blocker plates and finger guards? | |
| Is your property appropriately marked and documented, with your personal code provided to local police? | |
| Are keys and valuable items stored out-of-sight? | |
| Are ladders and other tools that could potentially be used by intruders to gain access to the homestead properly concealed and securely stored? | |
| FIREARMS SECURITY: | |
| Are your licensed firearms securely stored? Firearms must be unloaded and secured in a locked safe with the keys or combination unable to be readily located by unauthorised people. | |
| Is the ammunition stored in a separate, locked container? | |
| Is the firearm safe secure? Safes weighing less than 150kg must be bolted to the floor or frame of a permanent building. | |
| Is your safe located in a position that is not easily accessible or visible to visitors or potential intruders? | |
| Is your safe positioned away from power tools or other implements which could be used to break into or steal the safe? | |
| TECHNOLOGY AND SURVEILLANCE: | |
| Is there adequate CCTV coverage surrounding key buildings and vulnerable areas, such as less visible areas, access points, buildings and sheds, and storage facilities? | |
| Are motion-activated sensor lights installed around key buildings and vulnerable areas to deter potential intruders? | |
| Is there an intruder alarm system installed that covers key buildings and vulnerable areas, and is it connected to a security company? | |
| Can the property be monitored remotely through applications or other technology while you are away from your property, such as mobile apps for accessing for CCTV or alarm systems? | |
| LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL SECURITY: | |
| Are all cattle identified with a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) electronic device before leaving the property? | |
| Are all cattle over 100kg branded, and brands registered with the relevant authority? | |
| Is livestock regularly checked on and any suspected losses reported to the Police? | |
| Are accurate records of livestock numbers, purchases, and sales maintained with deaths and ratios accounted for? | |
| SECURITY OF PERSONS: | |
| Do you have existing and strong connections with neighbouring properties to share information and look out for each other? | |
| Have you or any personnel received security training, such as recognising suspicious behaviour and responding in emergencies? | |
| Are essential contact numbers (for example, neighbours, Policelink, Crime Stoppers, and emergency services) readily accessible and shared among all individuals involved with the property? | |
| Is there a procedure in place for managing visitors or contractors to ensure they are verified and logged when on the property? | |

For more information visit:
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