

## TRESPASSING

Trespassers pose a significant concern for landholders, often unlawfully entering properties to hunt illegally and committing offences such as wilful damage to property, harm to livestock, and fuel theft. To safeguard your property, consider applying these security measures:

- Lock boundary gates.
- Consider installing security cameras to monitor entrance points and homestead areas.
- Keep a record of equipment on the property and secure valuable items in a lockable shed. Regularly update your records and always know where your equipment is located.
- 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, record the time, date, and a description of the people and vehicles. Take photos or videos if it is safe to do so.

For more information visit:

[www.police.qld.gov.au/RuralCrimePrevention](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/RuralCrimePrevention)

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## MACHINERY SECURITY



## THEFT OF FARM MACHINERY MAY RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT 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. By adopting some simple preventative strategies, we can significantly reduce the risk of machinery theft and its impact on our rural communities.

### 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.
- Consider installing radios that operate only with a security code and can be 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 the homestead or an employee's or neighbour's house.
- If machinery must be left out, position out of sight from the main road such as behind a tree or hill.
- Always ensure that you know where your equipment is located on the farm.

- Ensure all machinery and equipment are permanently marked with a unique ID, such as your license number. There are numerous ways to mark machinery and equipment such as engraving, painting, stamping, welding, etching, or using data dots/ microDOTs.
- Maintain a property record with the description, serial number, chassis, and model numbers of the machines. Photograph or video machinery and valuable equipment and store them with the property record.
- Use lockable fuel caps.
- Keep minimal amounts of fuel in machines when not in use.
- Ensure tools and toolboxes are locked and hidden out of sight.
- 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!

If you see or hear unusual movements of stock, vehicles, or people, it is important to report it to police as soon as possible.

