

Tack security:

- Secure windows on the inside of tack rooms with solid iron bars (tubular steel can be bent).
- Secure all doors with good quality locks. Use bolts not screws on the hinges.
- Property mark tack and display signage to deter thieves.
- Padlock gates with substantial padlocks and heavy-duty chains.
- Consider reversing the top hinge on yard gates to prevent them from being lifted off.
- Fit security lights and an intruder alarm.

Firearms security:

- There are strict regulations with regard to safe storage and use of firearms.
- It is an offence not to comply with these conditions.
- If you need advice about firearms security, contact the force Firearms Licensing Department.

COUNTRY WATCH

Equipment security



Equipment security is an aspect of rural crime that is particularly relevant to farms and small-holdings.

Follow the advice in this leaflet and take action to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

Hampshire Constabulary – cutting crime in rural communities.

Call Hampshire Constabulary Country Watch and Hampshire Horsecatch on **101**.

In an emergency call **999**.

www.hampshire.police.uk



Equipment theft crime prevention advice:

Machinery security:

- No vehicles should be left in a visible place when not in use.
- When vehicles or plant equipment are kept outside they should be locked and the keys secured in your possession or in a locked key safe.
- Consider the use of hitch locks, wheel clamps or ground anchors. You may require a combination of the above to meet insurance requirements.

Security markings:

- All property, including vehicles, should be uniquely marked, photographed and recorded somewhere safe. This should include serial, chassis and model numbers.
- Use property marking to uniquely mark all types of property.
- Include your postcode and property name or number in a discreet location.
- Popular options include stamping, etching, UV marking and DNA products.

Tracker and data tagging:

- Consider fitting a tracking device or a data tagging chip. Your insurance company can provide advice on suitable products.

Plant Equipment Identification Guide:

- The Plant Equipment Identification Guide is available online but hard copies are available upon request from CESAR – www.cesarscheme.org.

Diesel theft:

- Store diesel in a secure fuel tank and use good quality locks.
- Avoid installing storage tanks in isolated areas, such as outlying buildings.
- Consider using a mobile tanker that could be removed to a secure place when not in use.
- Consider the use of a “diesel dye” that makes your diesel traceable and therefore less attractive to thieves.
- Report incidents of suspicious activity to the police and, if possible, record vehicle details and descriptions of the people involved.

Scrap metal theft:

- Dispose of scrap metal regularly and legitimately to make your premises less vulnerable to metal thieves.
- If you are approached by opportunistic “scrap dealers”, tell them you have a contract with a legitimate scrap dealer and ask them to leave.
- Report incidents of suspicious activity to the police and, if possible, record vehicle details and descriptions of the people involved.

