

Fly tipping:

- Restrict the opportunity for fly tipping by improving boundary security through the use of fencing, bollards or gating.
- Use signage to indicate that an area is monitored.
- Quickly remove evidence of fly tipping so it does not act as a signal and attract further offences.
- Report all incidents of fly tipping to your local authority as soon as possible.
- If possible, make note of any vehicle details and descriptions of people involved.

Illegal occupation:

- Perimeter protection of vacant land and car parks reduces the risk, inconvenience and costs involved in the removal of trespassers and illegal occupants.
- Look closely at the perimeter of your land to ensure it is as secure as possible.
- Restrict vehicle access by digging deep ditches.
- Consider your personal safety before approaching any individuals.
- The landowner can take proceedings to the county court to obtain a Court Order for the eviction of illegal occupants.

COUNTRY WATCH

Estate security



A good standard of building security is vitally important in rural areas, as outbuildings, such as hay barns, may not be visited for weeks at a time.

Farmhouses are similar to other domestic dwellings. However, because of the remote locations, additional measures such as CCTV, monitored intruder alarms and increased boundary security may be beneficial.

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 Horsewatch on **101**.

In an emergency call **999**.

www.hampshire.police.uk



Estate security theft crime prevention advice:

General home and outbuilding security:

- Ensure all doors and windows are shut and locked when not in use.
- Ensure windows and door frames are in good repair.
- Fit good quality deadlocks conforming to the latest British Standards to all external doors.
- Fit good quality window locks.

Security lighting:

- Install security lights that come on automatically at dusk and go off at dawn.
- Help make your property look occupied by fitting timer switches to lamps in different rooms and set them to come on at staggered times.
- Due to the potential fire risk in using any electrical device, it is important that all manufacturers' instructions are strictly adhered to at all times.

CCTV and intruder alarms:

- Consider installing CCTV to provide formal surveillance to the most vulnerable areas of the property.
- Consider installing an audible and monitored intruder alarm system.
- Get comprehensive advice from a reputable security company that conforms to national standards.

Entrances and exits:

- Look closely at the perimeter of your land to ensure it is as secure as possible.
- If possible, remove all private access points that are no longer used and establish a single-gated entrance and exit.
- Consider installing an entry control system, infra-red, intercom or keypad entry.

Gates and hinges:

- Invert and cap gate hinges so that gates cannot be lifted off. Ensure fixing bolts cannot be removed.
- Use good quality padlocks with covers so they cannot be easily cut off.
- Use locking posts or temporary obstructions to control large openings to yards.

Natural boundary protection:

- Plant thorn hedges to use as natural boundaries.
- Restrict vehicle access by digging deep ditches.

Fire risks:

- Petrol, diesel and other fuels should be stored in secure areas and storage tank outlets should be padlocked.
- Refuse should be disposed of safely and on a regular basis.
- Seek further advice from the Arson Reduction Advisor.

