



## Farm and Rural Security

Police are urging farm, stable and land owners throughout Cornwall to be vigilant around your properties, land and equipment!

Have you locked away all your equipment? locked doors and gates? and made your property a difficult target for potential burglars and rural criminals?

You work hard for your farm and animals, so why make your property an easy target?

With long hours of darkness at the moment, please be aware of anyone who shouldn't be on your property and report any suspicious persons to 999 immediately.

Some top tips to protect your property are-

- Lock gates or block access points to your property
- Install CCTV covering areas of importance such as entrances and exits or where machinery or equipment is kept
- Install PIR or motion activated lighting (criminals don't like being seen!)
- Take photos of your equipment including quad bikes, machinery, chainsaws, hand tools etc... especially note anything that identifies it specifically such as damage or scratches etc...
- Mark your property by a DNA based forensic marking or etching your postcode into items- as a minimum permanent marker your postcode on items
- Put machinery and quadbikes behind locked secure doors, in barns and out of sight.
- Install motion sensors or an alarm system to areas of importance.

Do not hesitate to call 999, if you hear something in your barn or outbuildings at night or see someone or something which isn't right- call 999.