

The boundaries of your property are the first line of defence against unwanted trespassers. These uninvited visitors have the potential to cause loss or damage to your land, equipment and livestock which can be inconvenient and costly.

Police do not recommend approaching anyone on your land that you don't know. Take note of registration numbers, descriptions and any other information and immediately contact your local police.

While you can't be everywhere at all times, you can better protect your property and equipment from damage and theft by taking some simple precautions.

Here are some simple steps **we** all can take to better protect ourselves from this type of crime:

Protect your properties boundaries

ALWAYS maintain the integrity of your fences and gates

ALWAYS invest in security measures around sheds, fuel and your farm house such as security lighting, alarms, dogs or video surveillance

ALWAYS post "No Trespassing" and "Private Property" signs at entry points and near roads surrounding your land

*Consider installing security cameras to monitor access to vulnerable assets or areas such as fuel storage and stockyard loading ramps Some cameras can send alerts direct to smart phones.

Protect your property from illegal and irresponsible shooters

ALWAYS use shooters from reputable Shooters Associations or ask each shooter to produce a reference from a farmer in your district and record their identification

NEVER directly confront trespassers or suspected illegal shooters

ALWAYS record details such as time and date, vehicle registration number, description, exact location and contact Police. Consider using a digital camera to record details of trespassers and illegal hunters

Protect your property and your local community

NEVER advertise on social media your travel plans or periods of absence

JOIN and encourage others to participate in a local Neighbourhood Watch group to protect each other's property

ALWAYS report suspicious behaviour to your local police

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