



Staying Safe in
RURAL
Neighbourhoods

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Police can and will respond to rural crime...

...but keep in mind they may need to travel long distances to get to you, so having the support of your neighbours can prove to be invaluable.

Call **111** when you need immediate help with a life-threatening or time-critical emergency.

Some emergencies will need more than one service (Fire, Ambulance and Police). Ask for the service that is needed most urgently. All emergency services are linked to each other and the first service called will notify the other services if they are required.

For non-urgent situations, call or visit your local police station; or call **105**. **105** is the non-emergency contact for NZ Police. You can phone them 24/7 or report online at [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz).



Rural Security Checklist

YOUR RURAL COMMUNITY

- Have you exchanged phone numbers with your neighbours and discussed how you can alert and assist each other?
- Is there a Neighbourhood Support Group in your area that you can be a part of? If not, can you help create one?

PERIMETER

- Are your boundary fences and gates in good condition and secure?
- Are trees and bushes cut back where possible to reduce the opportunity for offenders to be unseen?

BUILDINGS

- Are your external doors to buildings maintained and fitted with locks?
- Are your external windows maintained and secure?
- Are your sheds, storage areas and outbuildings regularly secured?
- Are keys for buildings and agricultural equipment secured out of view?



SECURITY TOOLS

- Is there an alarm fitted to any appropriate buildings or sheds?
- Is there sufficient exterior lighting around your farm buildings and outbuildings?

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

- Is your property identifiable and recorded e.g. serial numbers marked or engraved?
- Are your tools, machinery and equipment placed in a secure area following use?
- Is your shearing equipment and machinery stored away securely following use?
- Are chemicals, fertilisers and other dangerous goods stored in locked areas?
- Are fuel tanks dipped, secured and locked to restrict tampering and theft?

ANIMALS

- Can you lock stockyard gates and loading ramps?
- Do you maintain records of your livestock including sales, purchases, earmarks and ear tags?



Your RAPID helps emergency services find you.

RAPID stands for Rural Address Property Identification. It is a system that identifies your property and if used will ensure emergency services reach you as fast as possible.

RAPID is a nationwide system that gives every rural property or dwelling an address that is easy to locate. A GPS reading is taken as part of the process of allocating RAPID numbers. Your local authority can provide you with your RAPID number and, for a small fee, a RAPID number plate.

Your RAPID number should be clearly displayed on your front gate so that it can be seen easily from both directions day and night. Keep directions for getting to your property, including your phone number and RAPID number, by the phone. Make sure every member of the family (even young children) can explain them.





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