



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.



Rural Security Checklist

YOUR RURAL COMMUNITY

- Exchange phone numbers with your neighbours and discuss methods to alert and assist each other.
- Is there a Neighbourhood Support Group in your area that you can join? 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 wherever possible to increase visibility and reduce offending opportunities?

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?
- Have you considered installing security cameras or alarms?



SECURITY TOOLS

- Are alarms fitted to external sheds and buildings?
- Is there sufficient exterior lighting around your farm buildings and outbuildings?

TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

- Is your property identifiable and are serial numbers recorded with tools marked or engraved?
- Are your tools, machinery and GPS equipment stored securely when not in 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 regularly dipped, and securely locked to restrict tampering and theft?

ANIMALS

- Consider locking stockyard gates and loading ramps.
- Maintain accurate stock records



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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