



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING
CRIME

FARM MACHINERY SECURITY

The theft of farm machinery can cause considerable personal and financial loss for farmers.

There are things that you can do to reduce the opportunity for theft. It is very easy for farmers to become complacent on their farms, and some of the suggestions may seem time consuming and drastic in nature, however they are worthwhile if the theft can be prevented.

Remember some simple prevention tips

- Always know where your equipment is located on the farm.
- Never leave keys in machinery, and ensure you secure any vehicle cabs.
- If machinery breaks down, do not leave it in a paddock. Have the machinery moved to a shed or location near the house.
- If securing your vehicle or equipment is not possible, consider immobilising the machinery by removing the distributor cap or battery. Machines that are rarely used, stored outside or in remote areas should also be immobilised in this manner.
- Consider using a chain to secure machinery to each other or to a strong anchor point such as a tree. You can also chain and lock the front wheel to the rear wheel or axle.
- Build a fenced enclosure that can be padlocked shut for heavier equipment that cannot be secured in sheds.
- Ensure that all machinery and pieces of equipment are marked with identification and maintain an inventory with a description including serial number, chassis and model numbers of the machinery.
- Use metal engravers or a welder to mark your property with 'SA' for your state and your driver's licence number.
- Photograph and video machinery and valuable items and store them with your inventory.
- Use lockable fuel caps.
- Secure tools and tool boxes.

For further rural crime prevention information please visit www.police.sa.gov.au or contact your local police station.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

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