

## If you experience rural crime

### Report and document

- Call 111 in an emergency, or 105 if it is a non-emergency.
- Document everything – take photos and provide any security footage.

### Livestock theft

Notify NAIT if livestock is stolen.

### Insurance and support

Log onto FMG Connect at [fmg.co.nz](http://fmg.co.nz) to lodge and monitor your claim or give us a call on 0800 366 466.

### IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Call 111 in an emergency.

For non-emergencies call 105  
or use 105, [police.govt.nz/use-105](http://police.govt.nz/use-105)

For anonymous reporting call  
Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111.

Contact FMG on 0800 366 466  
for insurance and risk advice,  
and to make a claim.

# SAFEGUARDING YOUR PROPERTY IS SO SIMPLE. IT'S ALMOST CRIMINAL!

Every year FMG supports over 1,000 families impacted by theft and burglary. Between 2020 and 2024 we paid out more than \$32 million in burglary and theft claims – highlighting the scale and seriousness of rural crime across New Zealand.

Alarming, 1 in 5 clients at rural addresses have been targeted more than once in the same year.

Rural crime has been on the rise, making prevention and preparedness more critical than ever. As an advice-led insurer, we're committed to helping our clients avoid the related disruption, emotional stress and financial loss. We think now's the time to put a lock on that trend!

To help you stay one step ahead of the criminals, we've joined forces with New Zealand Police to develop this helpful Rural Crime Prevention Checklist. While these tips may seem simple, they are often overlooked and contribute to common claims we see daily.

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Advice & Insurance



Higher value re-sellable



are highly

**DESIRABLE**

**TO THIEVES**



**More advice worth listening to.**

Keep you, your family and your property safe with our advice on how to reduce the risk of rural crime.

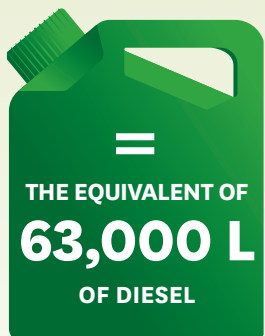


## Rural crime prevention checklist

### Secure your property

- ☐ **Lock** sheds, gates, fuel tanks, and equipment.
- ☐ Use smart technology to **monitor** your property and notify you of any unusual activity.
- ☐ **Install** alarms, security lights, and cameras.

— Each year —  
**FUEL THEFT CLAIMS**



### Mark and record valuables

- ☐ **Engrave** tools and equipment with initials or add unique identifiers.
- ☐ At the change of the season **take a video** of the workshop or garage.
- ☐ **Take photos** and keep serial numbers.
- ☐ Consider **invisible property marking** (such as UV pens) so you can identify stolen items, even if the thief has tried to conceal or alter them.

### Be mindful of social media

- ☐ **Avoid posting** about new gear or big deliveries (don't create a shopping list for the criminals).
- ☐ **Don't share** travel plans online.

### Protect light vehicles and trailers

- ☐ **Store** quad bikes, trailers, and utes out of sight or in locked sheds.
- ☐ **Use** wheel clamps, hitch locks, and consider GPS trackers.



**1 in 4**  
*farmers*

**HAD  
STOCK  
STOLEN**

**IN THE PAST  
5 YEARS**

### Livestock

- ☐ Do regular **stock counts**.
- ☐ Fix any **fence** issues promptly.
- ☐ **Communicate** with neighbours and police about suspicious activities.

### While away

- ☐ Have someone **check** on the property.
- ☐ Use **timers** for lights or radios to make it look like someone is around.

### Buildings

- ☐ Lock external doors to buildings and ensure windows are maintained and secure.
- ☐ **Regularly** secure sheds, storage areas, and outbuildings.
- ☐ Keep keys for buildings and equipment out of sight.

### Perimeter visibility

- ☐ Ensure your RAPID number is clearly visible.
- ☐ Check that fences and gates are in good condition and secure.
- ☐ Trim trees and bushes to reduce hiding spots for offenders.

### Your rural community

- ☐ Exchange phone numbers with neighbours and discuss how you can alert and assist each other.
- ☐ Join or start a Neighbourhood Support group.