

Protecting your Farm



Physical Site Security

Focuses on "hardening" the farm to deter entry and improve visibility.

- **Visibility:** Evaluate how obvious the farm is from the road; use hedges or fencing to reduce visibility.
- **Access Control:** Use robust gates with secure padlocks (keep locked at all times).
- **Lighting:** Install high-powered lighting near access points and gates (ensure it doesn't dazzle drivers).
- **Building Security:** Use quality doors and locks; keep them locked even when people are on site.
- **Key Control:** Implement a robust key management procedure.



People & Compliance

Ensuring staff and visitors don't become a security liability.

- **Vetting:** Thoroughly check and validate new employee references and contact details.
- **Training:** Train staff to respond calmly to trespassers, gather evidence without escalating, and follow reporting procedures.
- **Emergency Planning:** Agree on an action plan for single or multiple incursions.
- **Total Compliance:** Ensure staff understand that strict adherence to legal and code-of-practice standards is the best defence against long-term surveillance (drones/fixed cameras).



Surveillance & Detection

Technological tools to monitor activity and catch intruders.

- **CCTV:** Install a quality system with multiple cameras, motion detection, and mobile alerts. Focus on access points and gates.
- **Signage:** Display clear CCTV and Trespassing warning signs (ensure they are legally compliant - Information Commissioner's Office).
- **Technical Sweeps:** Regularly check buildings for hidden devices by scanning for unknown Bluetooth/Wi-Fi or using a phone camera to detect infrared (purple/blue hues).



Intelligence & External Liaison

Building a network to stay ahead of local threats.

- **Police Liaison:** Contact your local rural crime officer for a site security guidance visit.
- **Reporting:** Record suspicious activity and report it to your local police. Request it be linked to Operation TANHA and obtain a Crime Reference Number (CRN).
- **Industry Links:** Report incidents (with CRN) to your packer and the BEIC using the link below.
- **Community:** Share information and with neighbours and local farmers.
- **Resources:** NFU & Secure by Design



Operational Standards & Housekeeping

Reducing "low-hanging fruit" and maintaining professionalism.

- **General Tidiness:** Tidy the site and store equipment correctly every day.
- **Stock & Supplies:** Remove dead stock promptly and store securely. Ensure all drugs and vaccines are locked away correctly.
- **Paperwork:** Secure files when leaving and properly dispose of old certificates or documents.
- **Maintenance:** Act promptly on any issues to avoid signs of neglect.

