



## Equine crime

### Why is this important?

Equine-related activity attracts criminals due to the high value of animals, equipment, and transport. This has a financial and emotional impact on all concerned and can affect animals and owners long after an incident has taken place.

### What do you need to do?

Reduce equine crime with simple crime prevention measures. Farmers, horse owners, rural businesses and members of the public should be vigilant in the countryside reporting any suspicious activity to the police noting vehicle details and descriptions.

### How can you prevent it?

- Ensure your property and equipment are secure - consider the use of CCTV, lighting and security.
- Keep a record of serial numbers, photograph animals and equipment showing identity and unique features.
- Ensure all equipment and transport is marked and registered.
- Ensure your horse is registered - horse passports are a legal requirement.
- Be visible on the road whilst riding.
- If you encounter animals whilst driving, pass slow and wide.
- Notify the police using 999 if you suspect an offence is being committed.
- Anyone able to offer information relating to equine crime is asked to email [101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk), call 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111
- Join Devon & Cornwall Alert, Horse Watch and local social media groups so that you can find out what is happening in your area.

**The Devon & Cornwall Police Rural Affairs Team have produced a calendar which highlights rural issues throughout the year to focus problem solving activity for police, partners and the public with key messages and prevention activity.**

