

## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

### Is your farm or ranch secured from vandals, thieves, and trespassers?

On a frequent basis, unwelcome people enter farms and ranches without the landowner's permission or knowledge and steal machinery, equipment, stored crops, farm chemicals (that in the wrong hands may become deadly), household goods, and animals. Other trespassers may use your land without permission for off-road recreational riding, fishing, hunting, and even growing or processing of illegal substances - exposing you and your family to legal and physical danger.

These interlopers can cost you in thefts, damaged property, and unwelcome financial and legal liability.

### AND REDUCE YOUR LANDOWNER LIABILITY



## Check out how you can keep your property free from uninvited guests

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY:

- Secure your property with fences and closed, locked gates.
- Post signs that state "Private Property – No Entry" or "No Trespassing".
- Use video doorbells at entrances and/or game cameras around dwellings, shops, and barns that contain equipment, machinery, and stored crops. These devices allow remote monitoring through your mobile phone or tablet.
- Post signs from security alarm companies at your entrances to deter criminals from entering your property.
- Have your insured personal property and equipment inventoried and photographed with a backup copy kept off the property. In the event of a loss, this will help facilitate the claims process. It can also help the police or pawnshops identify your possessions in the event of a theft.

### HOW OTHERS CAN HELP YOU PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY:

- If you permit hunters or fishermen to use your land, ask them to watch for strangers and alert you immediately of suspicious activity.
- Ask your neighbors and friends to monitor your place and notify you immediately of any suspicious activity - offer the same courtesy to them.
- Report suspicious findings such as doors/gates ajar, new tree stands, or tracks for equipment that you don't recognize to local law enforcement and encourage them to drive by your property regularly.
- Speak with your agent and make sure you are properly insured. You may have unique or expensive items that need to be appraised or scheduled. Do not assume because you own them or because they are on your property that they are insured.

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