

## Trespass and Criminal Activity on Farms and Private Lands.

IFA and An Garda Síochána have come together under the auspices of the National Rural Safety Forum to advise Farmers and Land Owners on how best to proceed on coming across or in contact with groups or individuals who are uninvited on their lands and property. Confrontation should always be avoided, and the priority should be to **SAFETY**, **REPORT** and **OBSERVE**.

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### SAFETY

- The safety of you and your family is a priority, so don't take any risks that would jeopardise your personal safety.
- If you meet strangers face to face, advise them they are on private property and ask them politely to leave.
- Do not engage with banter or abusive comments.



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### REPORT

- If you have concerns immediately Dial 999 or 112 - NOT THE LOCAL GARDA STATION – and ask the operator for the Gardaí.
- Inform the Garda Control Centre that you want to report intruders on your land, sharing as much information as possible to describe the trespassers and any vehicles they may be using.
- Provide Gardaí with your Eircode, Townland and Road Number, and if possible the direction of travel of such trespassers.



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### OBSERVE

- Continue to safely monitor the situation and update the Gardaí as required.
- Alert local community watch groups and other interested parties where appropriate.



Also consider the following crime prevention tips, as they can greatly reduce the risk of crime:

- Secure all **Gates** using good quality closed shackle **Locks**
- Ensure good **Lighting** around your farmyard
- Set clear boundaries using appropriate **Signage** e.g. Private Property
- Consider **GPS Trackers** for vehicles and machinery
- Mark your property using Eircode or another **Property Marking** system
- Download and use the FREE Garda **Property App**



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