

HORSE AND STABLE SECURITY



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Top Tips

Ensure you have good physical security

Consider installing an alarm

Always secure your valuables

Always lock doors

Never leave tack lying around especially at shows

Security mark all of your tack and equipment

Photograph and security mark your horse

PREVENT CRIME

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Stables and riding equipment are targets for thieves in Norfolk and Suffolk. The following notes will provide advice you may find helpful:

Physical Security

Good physical security is the first line of defence. The tack room should be of sound construction with solid walls and doors.

Doors should be of solid construction, ideally covered with steel panels and fixed firmly into a solid door frame. Hinges and fixings must not be accessible from the outside.

Mortice locks used to secure doors should conform to BS 3621 and padlocks should be hardened steel.

close shackle, conforming to European Standard EN 12320 or achieving the CEN Security Grade classification 5 or above. Also use with an equally strong locking bar.

Windows and roof-lights should be fitted with substantial metal bars or grilles to prevent access.

Consider installing an intruder alarm.

To obtain information on companies who supply and install security systems, we advise you contact the following independent inspectorate bodies who will provide you with the relevant details. The police are not able to provide this information.

- National Security Inspectorate NSI on www.nsi.org.uk 01628 637512
- Security Systems & Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB) on www.ssaib.org 0191 296 3242

Lock doors when nobody is in the tack room. Where facilities are shared, keep the number

of key holders to a minimum and always keep a record of who has keys. If a key goes missing change the locks. If the building is alarmed, access to the code should be limited and changed regularly to maintain good security.

Limit access to your tack room from adjoining stables or buildings or over any partition walls. Ensure a secure ceiling is in place - substantial metal grilles may be fitted for this purpose.

Never leave tack and equipment lying around the yard and make it easy for opportunist thieves - if it is not in use, lock it in the tack room and use an alarm.

During Shows

During shows always lock your tack inside the horsebox or vehicle, ensuring it is out of sight. If possible use a vehicle alarm. Opportunist thieves can strike anywhere!

Mark your tack. Tack can be effectively marked with your postcode using ultra-violet marker pens, engraving, stamping or even paint. Alternatively, you could consider forensic marking solutions - these are harmless solutions that contain a unique forensic code (like a fingerprint), making it easy to identify marked items.

Firms that provide these marking solutions include:

SmartWater www.smartwater.com

SelectaDNA www.selectadna.co.uk

Applied DNA Sciences www.adnas.com

Horse Security

Property marking may dissuade a thief if you advertise the fact that your property is coded and it will certainly improve the chances of tracing stolen items and perhaps catching the thief.

Alternatives to property marking are microchips such as Datatag or Chips4Tack.

Make an inventory of your equipment with clear descriptions. We recommend that you take photographs of any valuable equipment. If they are stolen, the police can circulate the photo to dealers who can then look out for your property.

You can also register property on www.immobilise.com

Immobilise is the world's largest FREE register of possession ownership details and together with its sister sites the Police's NMPR (www.thenmpr.com); CheckMEND (www.checkmend.com), forms a very effective tool in helping to reduce crime and repatriate recovered personal property to its rightful owners.

If you use a horsebox or trailer, make sure you record details of the chassis and the frame numbers.

Take colour photographs of your horse in summer and winter.

Take photos from the side, front and behind.

Have your horse security marked, preferably by a visible freezemark.

Marking your horse and tack does deter thieves. Present recognised methods of security marking equines are:

- Freeze marking
- Hoof branding
- Microchip implant

If your horse has a particular mark or scar, photograph them separately, making sure that it is clear where on the animal the mark is. Ensure marks, whorls etc are shown on a suitable diagram.

Keep your horse's passport secure.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security

Anti-Social Behaviour

ATM Security

Beach Hut Security

Boat Security

Building Site Security

Business Security

Caravan Security

Caravan Storage

Card Security

Catalytic Converters

Church Security

Cold Callers

Commercial CCTV

Counterfeit Banknotes

County Lines Advice
for Landlords

Cyber Crime

Cycle Security

Dangerous Dogs

Dog Fouling

Dog Theft

Domestic CCTV

Domestic Violence

Farm Security

Fraud Prevention

Grooming

Hate Crime

Heating Oil

Home Improvements

Home Security

Home Security for
Tenants

Horses and Stables

Keyless Vehicles

Key Safe Security

Lock Snapping

Mopeds and Scooters

Motorcycle Security

Neighbour Disputes

Occupiers Liability

Personal Security

Power Tool Security

Products Brochure

Rural Crime

Security Alarms

Sheds and Garages

Social Media

Social Media for
Parents

Suspicious Behaviour

Shoplifting

Taxi Driver Safety

Vehicle Security

Windows and Doors



Other Links you might find helpful

Ask the Police
Secured by Design
Sold Secure

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
0300 303 3705