



**Victorian
Farmers
Federation**

Intruders on farm – an action and information guide

Intruders on farm can pose a risk to both human and animal welfare. Your number one priority is your safety and that of your family, workers and any on-farm visitors.

You should not take matters into your own hands, but instead, immediately telephone the Victorian police.

- Ensure everyone is safe and remain calm.
- Ask the intruders/trespassers to leave your property. If they refuse to leave, contact the police. Depending on the produce you produce, you may also need to contact a supply chain partner – e.g. a processor.
- While waiting for the police to arrive, ensure you, your family and workers are in a secure place. You might also take the opportunity to note some critical information which may be helpful in the future.

Once the intruders/trespassers have left, you should undertake a property check:

- Check animals – are they safe? Has there been any theft? Do you need to call the vet?
- Are there any hidden cameras on your property? – If so, leave them for the police to collect as evidence.
- Check fences and boundaries – are they secure?
- Check locks and gates – are they secure?
- Check animal feed and water sources – is there any sign of tampering?
- Check biosecurity practices – and remember it is good practice to have biosecurity signage erected.

Once the immediate event has reached a conclusion, contact the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) to inform them of the situation and to seek any further support.

Tel: 1300 822 833
Email: members@vff.org.au

Information to capture

Date	
Time of event	
Registration number of vehicle(s)	
Make, model and colour of vehicle(s)	
Number of intruders	
Description of intruders (age, dress, signage or affiliation)	
Did the intruders engage in conversation – did they make any threats or suggestions of a return visit?	
Are the intruders capturing footage of the event – photos, video?	
Is there any media present? What outlet are they from?	
Has there been damage – stock and/or equipment?	
Are you able to identify the point of entry at which the intruders gained entry to your farm?	
Was the event captured on your video surveillance? (Did you have the opportunity to take some photographs from a safe location?)	
Did you observe any unusual behaviour before the raid?	
Police officer(s) in attendance – name and contact details	
Processor/supply chain member(s) in attendance – names and contact details	