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Advice for Farmers and Rural
Estate Owners

Leasing Workshop/Shed Space



As many farmers and rural estate owners look to diversify and increase cash flow, an easy option is to lease out space not currently being utilised.

Don't be taken advantage of and open yourself up to exploitation by criminals!

Here are some handy tips to protect your homes, businesses, employees and family members:

1. Only lease space to someone you trust, consider asking for references and ID.
2. Don't take payment in cash, use direct debit for security and agree a term for review.
3. Draw up a simple contract outlining what the space can be used for, cost, term and any inspections of the space you wish to carry out over the term. (There may be planning considerations if there is to be a change of use for the space)
4. Be aware of what the space is being used for, independent sheds and workshops can be used by organised criminals as storage and 'chop shops' for stolen vehicle processing.
5. Remember leasing out your space may mean an increase of footfall to your property, be security conscious.
6. CCTV | Consider what images you require from which area, is it general monitoring or identifiable images. Create an operational requirement, a statement of needs and ensure the images obtained meet that.
7. Lighting | Uniform illumination across areas covered by CCTV is vital. Try not to use single floodlights. In the hours of darkness illuminate areas that are overlooked from residential areas or by CCTV.
8. Limit access to areas not to be used by the person leasing the space by closing gates and doors and locking areas that are not in use.
9. Keep your own assets such as vehicles, tools and machinery safe, locked away and remove keys from vehicles. Keys should be stored in approved Key safes.
10. If you suspect your space is being used in the commission of criminal activity do not approach, engage or challenge, contact police via 101, email at [Contact Us form](#) | Police Scotland or 999 in an emergency.

For further information about securing your premises or to enquire about a crime prevention site visit please contact the RAB-PT team:

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