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Facilitating a safer agricultural landcape FOR YOU.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF RURAL SAFETY

Inadequate rural safety and security remains a major concern for farmers and agri workers alike. The hightened level of crime reported in these areas will contribute negatively towards the agricultural growth and job opportunities presented to citizens.

The agricultural sector is one of the economic pillars in South Africa and therefore it is crucial to ensure safety and the sustainable development of the rural and agricultural sector.

It is the goal of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture to facilitate a safe, protected and secure agricultural environment and farming community.



#### **SECURITY HABITS ... BE ALERT!**

- Ensure all windows and doors (e.g. security and garage doors) are closed and locked at all times, when you are inside or not at home;
- Before unlocking your car or front door, have the correct key handy. Be alert and aware of your surroundings and any potential dangerous circumstances:
- Do not allow anybody on your premises without first properly identifying him or her;
- When leaving your residence inform your family or neighbours when you will be returning and the route you will be driving.

- Ensure tools such as axes, spades, picks, crowbars, etc. that can be used in an attack, are locked away when not in use:
- Upon your return to home and you are unsure about the security status of your home, e.g. dogs do not come to the gate to enter. Contact your neighbour in securing your home. This will prevent ambushes.

# Vary your daily routine;

- Do not follow up on suspicious noises at night;
   Consult a neighbour or security provider for possible back-up;
- Have good relations with the neighbours and have their contact details in case of an emergency;
- Have good relationships between employees and employers.
- Keep records and personal details of all employees;
- Share suspicious behaviour and information with the South African Police Services (SAPS) communicate with SAPS.;
- Establish a neighbourhood or farm watch.: and
- Know the telephone number of your local SAPS and sector commander.



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