

# Crime prevention advice for **electric fence equipment**



Electric fence equipment can be an easy target for thieves. Sited in a remote field away from the farm or stable means it is vulnerable. Some energisers are stolen for their scrap value, others are offered on the second hand market without operating instructions.

## Here are some ideas that may help you

- Visibly mark you equipment in a number of places (see property marking factsheet) this acts as a deterrent reducing its value and makes it harder to sell on if stolen; plus it provides you with an easy way to identify your property.
- Take a photograph of your unit and keep records of make, model and serial number. This will greatly assist the Police if your unit is stolen.
- Attach your energiser securely to a sturdy fixed point or secure within a purpose make storage container. Most stolen units are just pulled out of the ground or hooked onto a fence or post. Make it as hard as possible for the thief to remove it, any damage caused to the unit will reduce its value.
- Hide or camouflage your energiser behind a fence or tree, in a hedge or in under growth.
- Small tracker units can be fixed to the energiser to trace its location if stolen.
- If you have a light showing the power is on, cover this with tape. Leaving the light to flash in the dark shows the offender where the energiser is situated, making it easy to steal in the night.

## Please report all thefts to the Police

- The Police believe stolen energisers are being sold on without instructions or packaging. If you are aware of items like this being available and the reason being given for them being missing is suspicious, please notify the Police.

