



SECURED BY DESIGN SECURITY ADVICE GUIDE

# Quad Bikes & All-Terrain Vehicles

These types of vehicles are easy to steal as thieves can easily jump on and drive off when you are working on a farm, or target them from workshops and barns. Remote locations such as farms can offer rich pickings due to the nature of their rural locations and isolation from other neighbours.

Consider the access to the farm yards and building - if gates or entrances are no longer used, then seal them off. Restrict access routes to the premises where possible – if not, ensure they have good natural surveillance from any farm houses.



## Advice Tips to reduce your risk to quad bike theft



### Take Precautions

Take precautions to deter thieves – remember the best security is a layered approach with the aim of making your property a less attractive target.



### Keep Out of Sight

Try to keep the vehicles out of sight from nearby roads, as thieves will often survey properties looking for vehicles.



## Keep Gates Closed

Keep gates to yards closed, as open gates can be an open invitation to thieves. Lock barn or garage doors at night using a heavy-duty SBD approved padlock, hasp & staple or chain.



## Use Clamps & Locks

When leaving vehicles overnight, a bespoke Quad/ATV drive on security device which clamps around the wheel and is secured to a concrete floor is a great solution. Use SBD approved locks and ground anchors with a high attack rating as another option.



## Fit Immobilisation and Tracking Systems

The use of tracking systems can notify the owner the Quad/ATV is being interfered with or moved, allowing for a prompt response to either prevent the theft or detain offenders. Many systems are battery operated and activate once the Quad/ATV is stolen and track via GPS and other systems.



## Lighting

Fit outside security lights controlled by an automatic time-switch or infra-red beams that react to heat or movement.



## GSM Battery Systems

If the outbuilding or barn is remote with no mains power, consider using a battery-operated GSM mobile alert system and camera which can alert you to anything suspicious.



## Take Notes

Keep a record of serial numbers, chassis and model numbers and take note of any custom marks on the vehicle. Take colour photographs from several angles and additionally take videos with a smartphone if possible.



## Mark your Property

Security marking your vehicle using an SBD recognised forensic asset marking is another highly effective, visible deterrent to thieves and an established method of reducing theft.



## Remove Keys!

Never leave your keys in the ignition, even if you only briefly leave your ATV/Quad bike unattended, and don't be an easy target for opportunity theft.

Many police forces operate a Rural Police team and help organise Farm and Country Business Watches to keep up to date on issues affecting rural communities. For more details contact your local police force.

You could also consider fitting an intruder alarm, for further information about alarms visit our [SBD Alarm Advice page](#).

CCTV can be a deterrent and help protect both your quad vehicle and home. If you do decide to use CCTV it is important to read the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) advice on Domestic CCTV systems.

For further advice about any of the security tips listed above, or to find out how to buy police recognised security products, visit

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