

Dear Members and Fellow Agricultural Business Partners

In view of recent animal activist operations, WAFarmers has sought advice from the Western Australian Police Service to help safeguard you against trespassers.

Trespass is when someone enters your private property or business without your permission and refuses your requests to leave.

Police recommend you to call them immediately if you find trespassers on your property, or if you or your family or your staff feel in danger, call the Police link on 131 444.

Call 131 444 for police assistance or attendance and when it is not an emergency, for example:

- reporting a disturbance or breach of the peace (antisocial behaviour);
- reporting something which has happened in the past;
- reporting a property-related incident for insurance purposes; or
- making a complaint against police or another individual.

Callers to 131 444 will be asked to press '1' on their phones if they require a Police Officer to attend an incident now. If you need to report an incident that does not require immediate Police attendance you will be asked to press '2'. Calls to 131 444 from most regional areas are automatically directed to the nearest police station.

You should provide trespassers with written direction to leave your property using a template similar to one the below. An official, written direction will assist police when removing trespassers.

"I am (Name and position in company) of the (Company), I now require you to immediately remove yourselves and all of your personal property off (property/name/road/place)."

By verbal instruction: "I am the authorised owner of this property and you do not have permission to enter this property and I ask you to leave immediately".

Before approaching trespassers, record and/or take photos of the trespasses ensuring you get their names and car registrations. Try to remain calm at all times and walk away rather than engage with the trespasses. DO NOT be provoked into action as the activists will video this for live streaming.

The Key Messages are:

- **Remain Calm**
- **Record**
- **Report**

The Police can assist in the removal of trespassers from any land, structure, vessel or place. But, if they can't arrive in time, the police need your evidence to pursue prosecutions. We would encourage all businesses to review current security arrangements.

Click on the following link: for a summary of the WA Trespassing Legislation.
<https://www.slp.wa.gov.au/statutes/Swans.nsf/6c770e45457bd829482568e3002315d2/65c764247321d55d48257019001698b0?OpenDocument>

For further information contact your local Police Sergeant. See attached contacts. Yours sincerely,
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