

ADVICE FOR RURAL PROPERTY LANDLORDS



WHO IS RENTING YOUR PROPERTY?

Criminals are continuing to seek out properties for rent; warehouses, barns or other large buildings are a prime target for illegally dumping waste, and cannabis cultivations continue to be found in residential properties. Properties in rural areas can be popular because they afford the criminal a quiet place to operate with less chance of being seen.

If you have any buildings, sheds or residential premises for rent, please make sure you use due diligence to check out prospective tenants.

If your property is used by criminals in this way, your property is at serious risk of being damaged and you will likely incur the costs of repair and/ or removal of waste.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR?

- Willingness to pay rent months in advance, particularly in cash.
- Requests for you not to visit the premises and pay rent at a meeting place other than the premises.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Ask all prospective tenants for photo identification and more than one type of identification for joint applicants.
- Check the prospective tenant's current address.
- Obtain any mobile phone numbers and car registration of prospective tenants.
- Once the property has been rented out, make sure you carry out regular visits.

There is further information available for landlords about cannabis cultivation by accessing the following link to the Police Scotland website,
http://www.scotland.police.uk/assets/pdf/keep_safe/294802/cannabis-cultivation-what-i-should-know-as-a-landlord

If you suspect your property is being used to store illegal waste or for a cannabis cultivation, Call Police Scotland on 101 for non-emergencies, in an emergency call 999 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at <http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/>.