

ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT for safeguarding a farm

No.	Safety aspect	Yes	No	Remarks	Intent
1.	Is there effective communication with neighbouring farmers and the farm watch?				
2.	Do you already have an updated contingency plan/emergency plan in times of need?				
3.	Does the emergency plan make provision for all types of emergency situations that can arise?				
4.	Do you practice the emergency plans?				
5.	Does everyone, including the workers, know the content of the emergency plan?				
6.	Is there more than one access route to the farm?				
7.	Can access routes to the farm be cut off quickly if it becomes escape routes?				
8.	Are escape routes monitored?				
9.	Can a criminal climb over the fence?				
10.	Are the bottom parts of trees and shrubs trimmed?				
11.	Are there big trees against the fence/wall that make it easy to climb over?				

12.	Are there shrubs/long grass against the outside of the wall that can provide a hiding place?				
13.	Are fences/wire fences inspected regularly to determine if it is damaged/cut?				
14.	Are there remote-controlled gates?				
15.	Is there an intercom with a camera on the outside of the access gate?				
16.	Has burglar proofing been installed to keep intruders out?				
17.	Can the occupants drive around the dwelling before they enter?				
18.	Can occupants get safely from the vehicle into the house? In other words, is there a connecting door between the garage and the house?				
19.	Are there remote-controlled garage doors? Can the vehicle be parked in a secured area with the nose directed to the open area?				
20.	Do employees get paid above the minimum salary scale? What other alternatives are there and are employees aware that it is an alternative to remuneration?				
21.	Has possible "troublemakers" been identified and are they handled differently?				
22.	Is there a safe?				
23.	Is the safe hidden and are the keys of the safe (if any) stored in a safe place?				
24.	Is there a safe room in the house where the family can hide in case of an attack?				

25.	Are the bedrooms separated from the rest of the house by security gates?				
26.	Is there effective communication with local neighbourhood watches, private security and the SAPS?				
27.	Is there good cellphone reception?				
28.	Are there landlines?				
29.	Is there trustworthy alternative communication, for example, two-way radios?				
30.	Is there communication with a central control room?				
31.	Is the radio network monitored 24 hours a day?				
32.	Are there beams outside?				
33.	Is the outside alarm connected to floodlights?				
34.	Can the fence be monitored (CCTV)?				
35.	Is there a reaction unit that can react to a distress call?				
36.	Is there a working WhatsApp group or an alternative between neighbours?				
37.	Are the dogs alert, trained and safe (cannot be poisoned)?				
38.	Has security lighting been affixed to the outside of the buildings?				

39.	Are the outside lights activated by a photocell? (switches on automatically as soon as the light quality is poor)				
40.	Do the floodlights shine outwards?				
41.	Are CCTV cameras used?				
42.	Is there gravel around the house as early warning?				
43.	Is there an emergency plan if a sound is heard outside or if strange visitors show up?				
44.	Does the house look reinforced from the outside? What has been added to make it stand out? Warning signs?				
45.	Is there a solid or vibracrete wall around the residence?				
46.	Do the residents belong to a safety structure (farm watch/ neighbourhood watch)?				
47.	Do the residents participate in the activities of the safety structure?				
48.	Does a formal management structure exist in the safety structure?				
49.	Do members get tasked and scheduled for patrols?				
50.	Is there communication between patrol members?				
51.	Does each member know precisely what their responsibilities are and how to act at the time of an incident?				

52.	Does the safety structure have contingency plans?				
53.	Do all the residents leave/come home at the same time each day?				
54.	If the owner pays wages in cash, do employees know on what days it is withdrawn and where it is locked up?				
55.	Is soil turned over/swept so that one can see footprints?				
56.	Are large amounts of cash kept in the house?				
57.	Are firearms locked up in the safe when it is not carried on the owner's body?				
58.	Is everyone in the household trained to use the available firearms?				
59.	Does serviceable fencing exist that is high enough (more or less 2 metres)?				
60.	Is the fencing in such a state that it is an effective deterrent?				
61.	Is the electrical fencing (if any) functional and safe for non-intruders?				
62.	Are there fire breaks around the house/yard?				
63.	Is there adequate fire-fighting equipment available?				
64.	Do all the occupants of the house have the contact details of the neighbours?				
65.	Is the panic button that the security company activated tested regularly?				

66.	Are there effective safety gates inside and outside?				
67.	Are the safety gates SABS approved?				
68.	Are safety gates locked?				
69.	Do the safety gates have slam locks?				
70.	Is there protection at night like dogs on the premises?				
71.	Is there a dog that sleeps in the house at night?				

Total Yes's and No's

What focus areas did you identify that you can improve on?