

## Information sheet No. 1



### What to do if you are a victim of theft

- Phone the police immediately, giving a clear description of the horse, tack, trailer, etc.
- If your horse is freezebranded, phone the company, which will circulate slaughterhouses, sales, etc. with details of your horse.
- If you are in a Horsewatch scheme, phone another member to set the 'early warning grapevine' into action - or phone local horsey friends to alert them to thieves in the area.
- When the police arrive, give them your horse's description and recent photos, list of tack stolen, trailer description, etc. Also, any information you have on anything suspicious you have seen recently, ie strangers in the yard, boxes parked nearby, etc.
- Phone your insurance company. They need to know and may provide you with recovery expenses.
- If necessary, phone horse sales and slaughterhouses with details of your horse. You can follow these up with visits, armed with your horse's description and photos.
- Alert weekly and monthly equestrian press and local press, and put up 'stolen' horse notices in local shops, riding schools and saddlers.
- Add details of your horse on the Stolen Horse Register, advise your passport issuing agency and contact the National Equine Database [www.nedonline.co.uk](http://www.nedonline.co.uk).