

Trespass Act

The Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries continues to work with and support farmers. As part of this ongoing support, the department, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development, and the Department of Justice and Public Safety made changes to the Trespass Act. The changes made are to deter trespassing on agricultural lands by all means, not just by motor vehicles. This will help reduce damage to land and crops, improve food safety and production.

A person wishing to enter agricultural lands for any reason, must now obtain written permission from the landowner or occupant. All forms of trespass (e.g., pedestrian, motor vehicle, by bicycle, etc.) are now prohibited. In addition, agricultural landowners or occupants are no longer required to post signage; however, may continue to do so if they wish.

An exemption has been created to allow hunters, trappers and snarers to enter agricultural lands to retrieve wounded wildlife, after informing the owner or occupant. Peace officers and those who are authorized by law to enter or access private or Crown lands in the course of their duties are not affected by these changes.

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