Illegal Hunting

Illegal hunting is when someone hunts (poaches) on land without the landholder’s permission, or without a hunting permit.

People in regional areas of SA can be severely impacted by illegal deer hunters. Such hunters cut fences, leave gates open, shoot tame deer and put the safety of other people at risk.

The irresponsible and illegal behaviour of some hunters damages the reputations of legitimate, law-abiding hunters.

If you see someone hunting illegally, you can assist South Australian Police by:

1. First, ensure your own personal safety
2. Record the time, date and location
3. If it is safe approach the hunter, and ask for:
   • their name and address
   • their written permission to be on your/the land
   • the hunter to leave

Penalties can be imposed if illegal hunters do not give names and address, show written permission or leave when asked by the owner of the land.

4. If safe, use a camera to record number plates, serial numbers on rifles and/or conversations
5. Report all sightings of illegal hunting to the Police (call 131 444) and to your local Natural Resources Management (NRM) office (www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/compliance/report-an-offence)
6. Call 000 (triple zero) in an emergency.