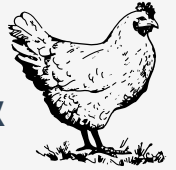


PREDATOR PROOFING YOUR



CHICKENS:

Tips & Strategies for a Safer 2-Legged Flock



SECURE COOP AND RUN

- Use ½-inch hardware cloth (not chicken wire) on all openings.
- Bury fencing 12 inches deep to prevent digging predators.
- Cover the top of the run with netting or wire to stop aerial attacks.
- Lock all doors with predator-proof latches (raccoons can open simple ones).



PROTECT AGAINST DIGGING PREDATORS



- Lay a hardware cloth apron around the coop, extending 12-24 inches out.
- Use concrete pavers or buried wire at weak points



NIGHTTIME PROTECTION

- Always lock the coop at dusk.
- Install motion sensor lights or alarms.
- Consider a livestock guardian dog or rooster for extra security.



AERIAL PREDATOR DEFENSE

- Provide covered areas in the run for hiding.
- Use hawk deterrents like reflective tape or owl decoys.

ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES



- Regularly inspect fences and the coop for gaps or weaknesses.
- Install game cameras to monitor activity.
- Consider electric fencing if in high-risk areas.
- Use a motion-activated Halloween decoration near the coop for an unexpected predator deterrent.



SMART FEEDING PRACTICES

- Store feed in rodent-proof containers.
- Remove leftover food at night to avoid attracting pests.