

BICYCLE SECURITY

More than half a million bicycles are stolen every year. (Source: British Crime Survey)

Bicycles can be some of the easiest vehicles for thieves and vandals to target.

You can protect yourself from becoming a victim by following some simple steps.

- Get a good bike lock (D locks or combination locks are best. Look for 'Sold Secure Ltd' approved locks, or ask for a recommendation at a bike shop)
- Lock your bike to something secure, e.g. a bike rack or a lamppost. If there are no bike racks, contact your local council to ask if they can put some in. Always lock your bicycle, even if you are only leaving it for a couple of minutes
- Make the lock and bike difficult to manoeuvre when parked – keep the lock away from the ground and keep the gap between the bike and lock small
- Lock up removable parts (e.g. wheels) and take light fittings with you
- Have your bike's frame security-marked or engraved
- Take out insurance, either by extending your home contents insurance or through a separate policy. Cycling organisations and bike shops may offer specialist cover
- Record and register your bike - register your bicycle model, make and frame number. Contact your local police station for further advice
- Take a clear colour photograph of your bike and make a written record of its description, including any unique features
- Keep your bike in a secure garage or shed and keep the door locked
- Keep it out of public view.
- Avoid leaving your bike isolated places

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY