

Thieves think that cycle theft is a low risk, high reward crime.

Follow these simple steps to lock thieves out and ensure your bike remains safe and secure:

1. Get your bike security marked and registered at [BikeRegister.com](https://www.bikeregister.com)

Getting your bike security marked and registered is a visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught in possession of a registered bike, the rightful owner can be traced and they will be arrested.



2. Record details of your bike

Frame number (normally found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in), BikeRegister number, other distinguishing features, and take a photo.

Bikes are often stolen and then sold online. To help police establish if the bike belongs to you take detailed photos of your bike including any unique scratches, damage or modifications.



3. Use locks of a good standard

Make your bike less desirable to steal if a thief sees your bike with good quality locks and sees another with cheap easy locks they'll pick the easy target.



Use two different types of lock, with at least one being a high quality D-lock. It takes thieves a few seconds to cut through poor quality locks – make it as difficult for them as possible.

The use of cable locks are only designed as a secondary measure to secure removable items, such as saddles and wheels. Cable locks are not suitable as a sole means of securing your bike, as a cheap pair of cable cutters will make easy work of even the best of them. Check out reviews on-line before you buy.

4. Lock the frame and both wheels to the cycle parking stand



5. Make the locks and bike hard to manoeuvre

Thieves may use a pole to twist and break a lock. Make sure you don't leave space for this to happen, and use a strong lock.

6. Take parts that are easy to remove with you

For example, saddles and wheels. Or use secure skewers, which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently, making it difficult for thieves to steal such parts.

7. Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking

It should be well lit and covered by CCTV.



8. Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home

Bikes get stolen from communal hallways, gardens and sheds.

9. Don't buy a stolen second-hand bike

Insist on proof of ownership and check the bike frame number at BikeRegister before you buy.

10. What to do if your bike is stolen

Advise security as soon as possible on ext. 2355, giving as much information as possible

There are other various courses of action open to you if your bike goes missing. Whichever you take, make sure you do it as soon as possible.

www.stolen-bikes.co.uk will help to spread the word on the theft of your bike and offer advice to help get it back.

www.FindThatBike.co.uk list adverts for bikes placed on online marketplaces, which you can check frequently to see if yours has been listed for sale.