

Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

Guidance Note

Cycle Security



Saving the environment, keeping fit or making the most of summer? Getting on your bike is an ideal way to get out and about and explore Norfolk and Suffolk.

Depending on your fitness level, this summer may see you taking it easy with a gentle ride on our narrow country lanes surrounded by vast fields, riding on the woodland routes with trees towering above you, or getting the sea breeze from one of the coastal paths.

Whatever it is you do, we are keen for cyclists to ride safely in our counties, keeping both themselves and pedestrians safe. We also want to help you to avoid becoming a victim of cycle theft.

- Don't cycle on footpaths or in pedestrian areas or you could face a £30 fine
- Use designated cycle paths where available
- Make sure your bike is in good working order and safe to ride
- Always use bike lights when travelling in the dark or in conditions of reduced visibility
- Invest in a good quality lock for your bicycle – D locks are the most effective and a worthwhile investment

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- Use a lock to secure the bike-stand, wheel rim and frame together – making it more difficult for a thief to take
- Never leave your bike unlocked in a public place - leaving it unattended even for a minute can mean it is gone when you return
- Find a suitable location to leave and secure your bike – dark alleys, drain-pipes and posts are all best avoided
- Get your bike security marked by your local Safer Neighbourhood Team – making it readily identifiable should it be recovered
- You could register your bike using a third party service to further protect it such as Bike Register or Immobilise.

Overnight, and if there is room, inside the home is the most secure location to store your bike. Bikes kept in garages and sheds in particular should be properly secured.

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