

CYCLE SECURITY



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Top Tips

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Lock your bike to a secure purpose made cycle stand or another immovable object.

Leave your bike where it can be seen by passers-by and CCTV.

Register your bike at www.immobilise.com

Remove or secure removable parts. Don't buy a bike you suspect may be stolen.

PREVENT CRIME

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Most cycle thefts occur in the immediate vicinity of the victim's home such as gardens, sheds and garages.

Bicycles are attractive targets for theft. They are widely available (increasingly so in many urban settings), easy to use, easy to sell and, critically, often left poorly secured despite their high value.

Always lock your bike with at least one good quality lock.

- Choose locks meeting Sold Secure Gold Standard.
<https://www.soldsecure.com>
- It is preferable to use two different types of lock at the same time. This means that the thief will require different tools to cut the locks and will also take longer, increasing the chance of being caught. Choose a quality D-lock and substantial chain with padlock from Sold Secure.
- Never leave your bike unlocked, even for a moment, both when you are out and at home.

Ensure the lock is away from the ground and as tight as possible.

- Keep the locks away from the ground to prevent them being smashed open.
- Use the D-lock to lock the frame and wheel to the stand and put the chain around as much of the bike as possible before attaching it to the stand. The more space there is around the locks, the easier it is for a thief to get tools around to break them.

Leave your bike where it can be seen by passers-by and CCTV.

- Check that the area is well-lit and covered by working CCTV.

- Make sure that *you* check for suspicious behaviour too. Bold thieves will cut locks in broad daylight because they know it is unlikely anyone will challenge them.

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- If you plan to leave your bike when you go out, do some research and find out where there is secure cycle parking. Cycle parking within car parks registered with Park Mark <http://www.parkmark.co.uk/Car-park-finder> is a good starting point.
- Never leave your bike attached to a movable object such as a temporary sign outside a shop or a plastic drainpipe.
- Choose a purpose-built cycle stand firmly attached to ground. If possible, use cycle parking that is within an access-controlled area but don't forget to use your normal locks as well.
- Don't forget to lock your bike to a secure immovable object at home as well. See the Shed and Garage Security notes for further information.



Register your bike at www.immobilise.com

- Immobilise is a free property register. Police have access to this database 24/7 and can check a bike if they think it may be stolen or use it to return bikes to their rightful owner if recovered. It may also assist with a prosecution.
- The sister site www.checkmend.com can be checked by anyone, including second hand dealers, prior to purchase, which reduces the chance of a thief being able to sell on your bike if stolen.
- It is simple to use simply set up an account and add the serial number of your bike (this is usually found on the underside of the crank between the pedals).
- Add your postcode to the bike too and also take photos of it to assist recovery.
- Check our website for details of any police registering events.

Remove or secure valuables

- This includes wheels, saddles, lights and any device you use to monitor performance.

Don't buy a bike you suspect may be stolen

- If the price seems too good to be true, be very suspicious.
- Meet the seller at their home or work address.
- Never buy from someone that approaches you in the street.
- Check that the seller knows details about the bike, including any security markings.
- Ask the seller if they have the original receipt.
- Check for security markings using a UV pen.
- Check the sister site to Immobilise <https://www.checkmend.com> and also <https://www.bikeregister.com/bike-checker> prior to purchase to ensure it is not registered stolen.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice
for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for
Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for
Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



Other Links you might find helpful

Ask the Police
Secured by Design
Sold Secure

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
0300 303 3705