



# Bike secure, bike locked!

Bikes can be an easy target for thieves - don't give them an easy ride. Basic crime prevention can help prevent it from being targeted.

**Always lock your bike when you leave it, even if it's only for a few minutes.**

It is worth investing in a good quality lock and, for even better security, use two different types of locks such as a D lock plus a robust chain and padlock.



Always lock it to a secure post or immovable object.

If possible lock your bike at recognised secure bike parking that's well covered by good lighting and CCTV.

**Don't forget security starts at the garden gate**

Don't leave your bike in the garden if you don't have adequate security.

If you're storing your bike in a shed, garage or outbuilding make sure it has a good quality lock and an alarm.

**If your bike is kept in a common stairwell**, ensure the door is always locked and secure and the door entry system is working.

Make sure you lock the bike too.



### Security mark the frame with a UV pen – or forensic technology such as SmartWater

Use your initials, postcode or another mark that is unique to you.



If you use SmartWater you just need to make a mark with the liquid – UV lights will detect SmartWater and if it has been registered identify the property as belonging to you.

Make a note of the serial number, this is normally located underneath the bike and should be written down or photographed and kept somewhere safe.

Consider registering your bike with a property registering database such as [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) or [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com)

### Consider insuring your bike

Especially if you have a high value bike or there are a number of bikes in the household.