

Secure Your Bike.....

Bikes are usually stolen because they have not been secured or have been secured poorly.

More than 50% of bikes are stolen from the owners property.

Many insurance policies provide only limited cover for bike theft, leaving you liable for the replacement cost.

It is more effective for you to properly secure your bike in the first place.

Locking up your bike

- **Use two different types of lock to secure your bike and have one that is Sold Secure (gold, silver or bronze standard).**
- **Always lock your bicycle, even for a couple of minutes.**
- **Lock your bike to an immovable object. Use a proper stand/ground anchor/robust street furniture. Thieves remove drainpipes and lift bikes over signposts.**
- **Lock your bike through the frame.**
- **Secure removable parts. Lock both wheels and frame together.**
- **Take smaller parts and accessories that can be removed without tools with you, e.g. lights etc and fit security fasteners on items such as wheels, headsets and seat posts.**
- **Make the lock (and chain, if used) and bike difficult to move when parked.**
- **To stop thieves smashing the lock open.**
 - keep the lock (and/or chain) away from the ground.
 - keep the gap between the bike and the lock small.
 - never leave the lock lying on the ground, it can be easily hit with a hammer.
- **Prevent lock picking. Face the lock towards the ground – but not resting on it, as this makes it harder to pick.**

Out and about

- **Lock in a busy, well lit place, in view of other people or CCTV.**
- **Don't park your bike in the way of prams, pedestrians or wheelchairs.**
- **Never park in front of a fire exit.**
- **Don't lock your bike in the same place everyday – there's more chance of it being noticed and stolen to order.**

