



## Keeping Cycles Safe

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### When at home:

- Keep your bike in a secure shed or garage and keep the door locked;
- If you keep your bike in a shed, have a robust lock on the door;
- Secure it to an immovable object, such as a floor or wall-mounted anchor;
- Don't use a communal area, if there is nothing you can lock on to;
- Keep your cycle out of public view;
- Wherever you leave it at home, lock it or lose it!

### When out and about:

- Avoid leaving your bike in dimly lit or isolated places. Leave your bike where a potential thief can be easily seen;
- Always lock your bicycle, even if you are just leaving it for a couple of minutes. D Locks are the most secure: think about using two;
- Lock your bike to an immovable object. Where possible use a proper bike rack, ground anchor or street furniture that offers multiple locking points and won't allow the bike to fall. Lampposts, railings, drain pipes, signposts or anything else not designed for these purposes make theft easier;
- Lock both wheels and the frame of your bike to the immovable object;
- Secure removable parts. Lock both wheels and the frame together;
- Take with you components and accessories that can be removed without tools;
- Fit secure skewers to wheels, headsets and seat posts;
- Make the bike and lock hard to manoeuvre when parked. Keep the gap between bike and lock small – the smaller the gap, the harder it is to insert levers or other tools;
- Keep the lock or chain away from the ground; never leave them lying on the pavement – a lock can be sledgehammered;
- Locks can also be picked, so face the lock to the ground (but not resting on it) so it can't easily be turned upwards when it's resting on the ground;
- Ask a bike shop for specialist advice.

IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING OFFERED A STOLEN BIKE RING

**CRIMESTOPPERS ON 0800 555 111.**

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