

## How safe is your bike?

Advice on keeping your bike safe and out of the hands of thieves – and what steps you can take to get it back if it is stolen. Follow these 10 tips to ensure your bike remains safe, secure and not a statistic.

### 1. Register it

Get your bike security marked and registered at [BikeRegister](#). It's a highly effective, visible deterrent to bike thieves. They know that if they are caught with a registered bike, the owner can be traced and they will be arrested.

### 2. Record it

Remember to record details of your bike such as the frame number (normally found underneath the bike between the pedals or where the back wheel slots in), the [BikeRegister](#) number plus any other distinguishing features, and take a photo.

### 3. Double-lock it

It can take thieves as little as few seconds to cut through some locks, so use two good quality locks, at least one of which is a D-lock.

### 4. Lock the lot

Lock the frame and both wheels to the cycle parking stand.

### 5. Secure it

Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible to give any thieves little or no room to manoeuvre.

### 6. Remove the removable bits

Take parts that are easy to remove with you. Or use locking skewers or nuts which can increase security by securing the bike's components to the frame permanently, making it difficult for thieves.

### 7. Park secure

Lock your bike at recognised secure cycle parking. It should be well lit and covered by CCTV.

### 8. Remember safety begins at home

Take the same care to lock your bike securely at home as you would on the street.

### 9. Check ownership

Ask for proof of ownership and check the bike frame number on the Bike Checker at [BikeRegister](#).

### 10. Act fast

If your bike has been stolen, report it as soon as possible. Give your frame number, [BikeRegister](#) number, a photo and any other details and make sure you update the status on [BikeRegister](#). The sooner the better.

## What to do if your bike is stolen

There are various courses of action open to you if your bike goes missing. Whichever you take, make sure you do it as soon as possible. Time really is of the essence.

[Stolen Bikes](#) in the UK will help to spread the word on the theft of your bike and offer you advice to help get it back.

[Find that bike](#) lists adverts for bikes placed on online marketplaces, which you can check frequently to see if yours has been listed for sale.

### Useful links

<https://www.bikeregister.com/register>

<https://stolen-bikes.co.uk/>

[www.findthatbike.co.uk](http://www.findthatbike.co.uk)

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