

# DO'S

- ✓ Always lock your bike when you leave it
- ✓ Lock your bike in well lit areas.
- ✓ Lock your bike to an immovable object
- ✓ Lock wheels and other detachable parts
- ✓ Only use a good quality lock that has been tested against attack
- ✓ For maximum protection use two locks of different types, with one being a D-Lock
- ✓ Fill up as much of the space within the D-lock as possible with the bicycle
- ✓ Always lock your bike at home even when it is in your garage, flat or halls of residence
- ✓ Register your bike on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

# DON'TS

- ✗ Don't lock your bike to itself
- ✗ Don't leave your bike in isolated places
- ✗ Don't position the lock near the ground. Thieves can attempt to lever or crush the lock
- ✗ Don't use weak locks

# STOP THEM TAKING YOUR BIKE FOR A RIDE!



If you have any information about pedal cycle theft, contact your local Police on 101. If you would prefer to remain anonymous contact Crimestoppers



**IMMOBILISE**   
**PROPERTY CRIME**



# In the UK, a bicycle is stolen every minute and less than 5% of those are returned to their owners.

*Research consistently shows that many bicycles reported stolen are locked inadequately.*

*The advice contained in this leaflet aims to help you improve the type of locks you use and the way you apply them.*

## CHOOSING A LOCK

- Only use a good quality lock that has been tested against attack, preferably a 'D' lock. To guard against a dedicated thief you need a product that has resisted attack for 5 minutes. A poor quality lock at the lower end of the market can be easily sawn through or bolt cropped in seconds
- Look for 'Sold Secure' approved locks. 'Gold rated' locking devices offer the highest level of security.
- Use two security products rather than just one as this will usually drive a thief to choose another target.
- Weak locks are unlikely to deter offenders (cable and coil locks under 10mm are particularly vulnerable to cutting)
- It is recommended that you spend 10% of the total cost of your bike on security

## WHERE TO PARK

- Plan ahead and check out amenities in the places you need to leave your bicycle
- Always lock your bike when you leave it, even if it is only for a minute
- Do not leave your bike in isolated places. Look for well lit areas with lots of people passing
- Always lock your bicycle to something immovable, an object a bicycle cannot be lifted over and that cannot be cut or removed, even when storing in a shed or garage

## LOCKING YOUR BIKE THE RIGHT WAY

- Fill up as much of the space within the D-lock as possible with the bicycle
- For maximum protection use two locks of different types Use each lock to catch the wheels, frame and stand
- Position your lock with the key hole facing down
- Lock detachable parts

## REGISTRATION

- Take a photograph and keep a note of the make, model and frame number
- Register your bike free of charge on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)