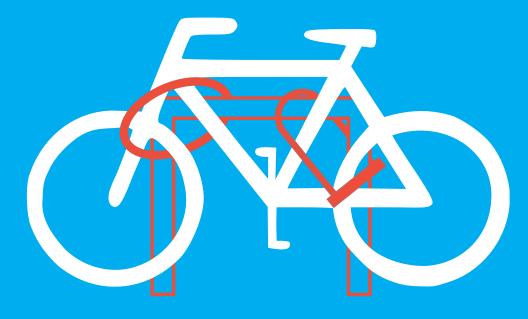
DO'S

- ✓ 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

DON'TS

- X Don't lock your bike to itself
- X 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
- X Don't use weak locks















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