

# IDENTIFICATION

## Note The Following Details:

Make/Model.....

Type (gents/ladies/racing/mountain/bmx) .....

Frame Number.....

Position of number on frame .....

Frame Colours .....

Frame Size.....

Wheel Size .....

Tyres (make/colour).....

Gears (make/type/number).....

Handlebar type (standard/racing/mountain).....

Pedal type (rubber/metal/reflector) .....

Saddle (colour/plastic/leather).....

Accessories (lights/reflectors/chain guards/mud guards/toe clips

Identifying marks (Photograph any unusual marks on your bike and keep them in a safe place)

Security Mark (position)



## Bike Security



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Smarter Places



# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Cycling is a healthy and environmentally friendly way to travel to work, school or around town.

However, thousands of bikes are stolen in the UK each year because they are poorly secured, or not secured at all, furthermore only a small number of all bikes recovered are returned to their owner's due to poor descriptions being provided to the police. To assist in reducing bike theft Police Scotland would ask you to follow these guidelines and complete the bike description section and keep in a safe place:

## When purchasing your bike:

- Get a good quality bike lock - D locks or thick cable locks are best (image of D lock)
- Photograph your bike, take down all your bike details and insert in this document and keep it in a safe place
- Find and note your bike serial number usually on crankshaft, underneath pedals
- Insure your bike, either on contents insurance or separately
- Security mark the frame with UV pen or other method. Mark your bike with your initials and post code or some other personalised mark that is unique to you
- Consider fitting with bike alarm
- Consider fitting a tracking device
- Register your bike with a property register such as [www.immobolise.com](http://www.immobolise.com)



## Storing your bike at home:

If your bike is stored in a common stairwell:

- Make sure your door entry system is working
- Don't let strangers into the stairwell
- Don't leave the front door wedged open
- Make sure the back door is locked
- Lock your bike with two locks to a secure banister, bicycle rack or ground anchor

## If your bike is stored in a shed or garage:

- Keep the door locked
- Fit a good quality padlock to the shed door and use non-return screws to secure the hinges
- Cover windows with old curtains and fit wire mesh inside
- Install a shed/garage alarm
- Lock your bike with two locks to a ground or wall anchor

## Out and about:

- Lock your bike up every time you leave it, even for a few minutes
- Use good quality D locks or locks with the sold secure branding
- Ideally, use two different types of locks as a thief will need more tools to steal it
- Lock through the frame and wheel to an immovable object, such as a bike rack, railing, or lamppost
- Lock your bike in a busy, well-lit place, in view of other people or CCTV cameras
- Make the lock and bike hard to move when parked
- Remove accessories such as lights, pumps, water bottles, saddles and saddlebags
- Vary your routine: lock up your bike in different ways and places
- If transporting your bike by motor vehicle to a destination remember when you return home to remove the bike carriers and secure them out of sight to prevent advertising your ownership of a bike to potential thieves

## When at work:

- If your work place has a bike locker make use of it
- Park your bike in a well-lit area in view of CCTV

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**Secured By Design website:** [www.securebydesign.com](http://www.securebydesign.com)