

IF YOUR BIKE WAS STOLEN COULD THE POLICE IDENTIFY IT?

Register it! If your bike is stolen how will you get it back if it's not registered?

Register your bike on the national cycle database www.bikeregister.com or www.immobilise.com. This helps the police to identify stolen property, bring offenders to justice and prevent someone else benefit from your loss.

HOW TO IDENTIFY A CYCLE

Record and mark it! Most cycles have a frame number stamped on the frame, which can be registered with www.bikeregister.com and www.immobilise.com

An identifiable mark can be added either by engraving or using a commercial marking product. This can also be recorded.

A photo of your cycle will increase the chances of it being recovered and can be uploaded when you register it.

GOT INFORMATION ABOUT A STOLEN BIKE?

Report it! Do you know someone who is always selling bikes? Do you see someone bringing different bikes home each night? They may be a bike thief so report it to the police.

Report any suspicious activity by calling the Humberside Police non-emergency number 101. If it is a crime in progress call 999.

For more advice on cycle security and safety visit: www.humberside.police.uk/issues/protecting-your-property



SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Helmets

- Always wear a helmet - make sure it fits you and conforms to current British Standards.

Clothing

- Wear bright coloured clothing preferably luminous with reflective strips.
- Make sure whatever you wear can't become entangled in wheels or chains.
- Don't carry heavy bags or rucksacks, which could make you unstable.

Lights and Accessories

- If you cycle in poor visibility or at night you must fit: White front light / Red rear light / Red rear reflector / Amber pedal reflectors front and rear.
- Fit a bell to warn other road users of your presence.

Stay Alert

- Being distracted could cause an accident.
- Look and signal before you start, stop or turn.
- Ride well clear of the kerb and parked cars.
- Obey the rules of the road especially stop, one way and no entry signs.



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Crime Prevention Advice



Millions of people own bikes in the UK but sadly thousands are stolen from the street or in burglaries each year.

Help reduce the chance of your bike being stolen by taking advice on how to protect your property.

Help keep your bike safe by making it secure.

LOCK YOUR BIKE EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE IT

It only takes seconds to steal

- **Get a decent lock** - Use 'SOLD SECURE' or similar rated, quality locks. Consider using two different types of lock to be even more secure.
- **Lock it to something solid** - Secure it to a solid, unbreakable object - a cycle rack, railing or signpost. Use extension cables to secure valuable components such as suspension forks, wheels and saddle.
- **Quick release – quickly gone** - Many bikes feature quick release seats and wheels. Locking them or changing them to permanent fixings is much more secure.
- **Lock it somewhere visible and busy** - Busy racks with more people and bikes can mean safety in numbers.
- **Take extra care in urban areas** - Avoid leaving your bike out overnight (even if it's well secured). There are many valuable parts which could be stolen overnight. High performance bikes are particularly at risk.

SECURE YOUR BIKE AT HOME

Garden security

Remove any discarded tools, which may be used to break into your property. Fit a dusk to dawn light, with a movement sensor floodlight, which could alert you to intruders.

Fences

Make your fences hard to climb by fitting trellis, which won't support a climber's weight and top with spiky plants. Keep your bike out of sight and in a secure building. If using a shed, check its security.

Sheds

- **Location** - If you can, locate your shed near your property and face the door towards the windows of the house.
- **Windows** - Can the windows be boarded up or have bars fitted? Use glass frosting to prevent people seeing inside.
- **Hinges** - Could a burglar remove the screws? Consider coach bolting them through the door or filling in the screw heads. Drill out the screw head once fitted.
- **Locks** - Don't cover the door in padlocks, use strong quality, discrete mortice locks.
- **Alarm it** – Security alarms alert you of an attack. Ideally have the shed connected to the house alarm.

LOCKING YOUR BIKE AT HOME

Lock our bike in your home, shed or garage. Keep your house, shed or garage locked

- Lock your bike to a ground anchor or a heavy object
- Lock both wheels and the frame together utilising steel wire loops.
- Keep the gap between the bike and the lock small, so inserting tools is made harder.
- Secure the cycle keeping the lock away from the floor.
- Position the locking barrel facing the ground to make access more difficult.

Ask your cycle dealer for more advice or speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

BUYING A SECOND HAND BIKE?

Make sure it's not stolen!

- **Check the bike** - for ANY postcode or security engravings and question the seller if the postcode does not match their address.
- **Ask for the buyer's pack** - original documents, receipts, tools and handbook, which came with the bike.
- **Check the seller's knowledge** - its size, make/model, who rode it, why they are selling, is their story credible?
- **Run a security check** - for a small fee you can see if the bike has been registered stolen by checking any frame numbers or security engravings with www.checkmend.com/uk.