

## Locking your bike

- Lock both wheels and the frame to a bike stand or strong immovable object.
- Lock 'tight' so your bike is hard to manoeuvre when parked.
- Secure your lock so it does not touch the ground.

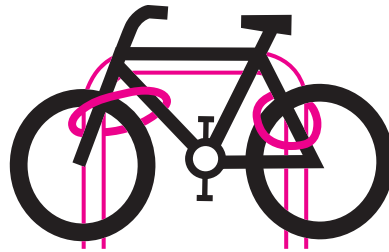
The above advice will protect your bike against the most common bike theft techniques. See overleaf.



Visit [www.bikeoff.org](http://www.bikeoff.org) for the latest information.

It is always best to use two locks.

Go for different types of lock, for example, a strong D-lock and a sturdy chain lock. This means that a thief will need different tools to break each lock, making theft less likely.



## Register your bike\*

Keep a record of your bike's make, model and frame number. Without it the police may not be able to return your bike if they recover it. It is free, and easy, to register your bike at:

[www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

Other methods of security tagging for identification include:

[www.datatag.com](http://www.datatag.com)

[www.alpha-dot.co.uk](http://www.alpha-dot.co.uk)

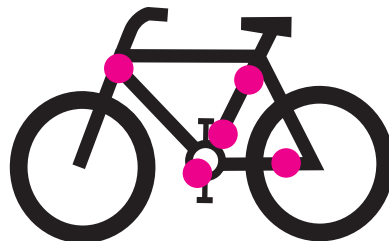
[www.smartwater.com](http://www.smartwater.com)

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

\*Do this when you buy it. You'll never get round to it otherwise.

This is where to find your bike frame number:

- Near the handle bars
- Below the seat post
- By the pedals
- Underneath the pedals
- Towards the back wheel



## Buy a decent lock (or two)

Before visiting a bike shop check [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) to see which locks are most secure. Expect to pay £40 upwards for a secure locking system.

### Locks are not for life

Keep your security up to date.

### Get insurance

Check if your home insurance already covers your bicycle when it is away from your home. Also, check that the total value of your bike is covered.

If you have an expensive bike it may be necessary to insure it separately. See [www.bikeforall.net](http://www.bikeforall.net) for recommended insurers.

Lock options include:

**D-Lock**



**Extension cable**



**Heavy chain lock**



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