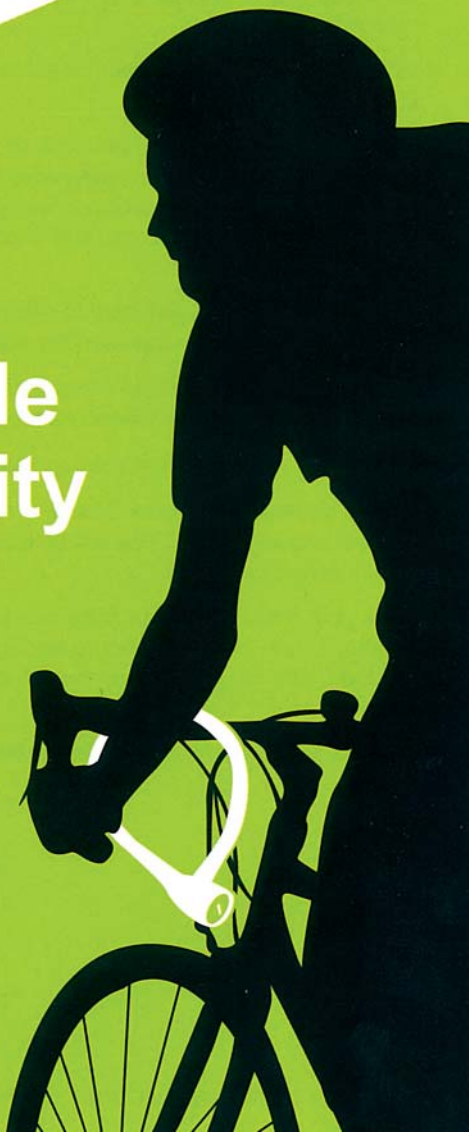




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Bicycles are a popular target for thieves. Here are some simple tips to ensure that your bicycle remains safe and secure:

- Always lock your bicycle whenever you leave it. Lock the frame and both wheels to a cycle stand or a strong immovable object.
- Whenever possible, lock your bike in a busy, well-lit and CCTV covered area.
- Consider using more than one lock to secure your bike and ensure that you use a recognised security standard lock. D-locks, extension cable or heavy chain locks are certified locking mechanisms. It is important to ensure that yours are up to date.
- Make the lock(s) and bike hard to manoeuvre when parked by ensuring little room between the stand and the bike.
- Do not allow your lock(s) to come into contact with the ground, where they are viewed as more vulnerable.
- Do not ride with valuables in open baskets or panniers.
- Take a photograph of your bike and record your frame number and key details. This will be crucial in recovering your bike should it be stolen.
- Mark your frame with your postcode in two separate locations, one of which should be hidden. Attach a 'Coded Cycle' label to reduce the risk of making your bike a target for theft.
- Register your bicycle at www.immobilise.com

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