



**DONT GIVE THIEVES
AN EASY RIDE ON
YOUR BICYCLE!**

FIVE TIPS TO KEEP YOUR BICYCLE SAFE

In the UK, a bicycle is stolen on average every minute! Here are some tips on keeping your bicycle safe.

Parking

Always lock your bicycle wherever you leave it. Make sure it's in a well-lit public area with people passing by. Stations and public buildings often have designated areas with bicycle racks.

Bicycle locks

It pays to invest in a good quality D-lock. A poor quality lock can be easily sawn through or bolt cropped. Always lock your bicycle to something fixed. For maximum protection use two locks of different types to secure both wheels (a D-lock and thick robust chain and padlock is ideal).

At home

Half of all bicycles are stolen from the owner's home – always lock your bike in cycle stores available in your block. Make sure you keep your bicycle out of sight as this may be an incentive to break in to your property.

Bicycle insurance

It's a good idea to insure your bicycle and there are several ways you can do it. You can insure your bicycle with your home contents insurance, but don't forget to cover it for thefts away from home. Alternatively, consider purchasing separate cycle insurance.

Registration and police identification

Registering your bicycle on a recognised national database such as bikeregister.com - all you need to do is take a photograph, record the frame number and any key details such as make and model. Mark your frame with your postcode in two separate locations if possible, one of which should be hidden. The information stored on the bike register could be crucial in recovering your bicycle and returning it to you should it be lost, stolen and subsequently found. Also, **Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)** tagging of your bicycle is highly recommended as its virtually impossible to remove it from the bicycle's frame.

Remember

One Housing is responsible for insuring the structure of your home; you're responsible for insuring your contents and personal belongings. If you use cycle stores you do so at your own risk, and be aware of strangers tailgating you through the front doors or cycle store area.