

Details of your bike

Retailer's details

Date purchased Purchase price £

Make/Model

Type (gents/ladies/childs/racing/mountain/touring/bmx)

Frame number

Position of number on frame

Frame colours

Frame size

Wheel size

Suspension (front/rear)

Brakes (disc/front/rear)

Saddle (gel/leather/plastic/colour)

Tyres (make/colour)

Gears (make/type/number)

Handlebar type (standard/straight/racing/mountain/colour/grips)

Pedal type (rubber/metal/reflector)

Lights (front/rear/style)

Lock type (padlock and chain/D-lock/combination lock)

Accessories (lights/reflectors/chain guards/mud guards/toe clips/bell/horn/basket)

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Identifying marks (stickers/badges/damage/repairs)

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Security mark (type and position)

Bike registered (yes/no)

Company name

Company phone number

BICYCLE PASSPORT

A GUIDE TO REDUCE THE RISK OF BIKE CRIME



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

However, more than **500,000 bikes are stolen in the UK each year** because they're poorly secured or not secured at all.

This guide will give you useful advice to reduce the risk of your bike being stolen and information to ensure it can be traced and returned to you quickly if it is found.

Help keep your bike safe by following the advice in this passport.



www.lincs.police.uk



How do I protect my bike?

There are some simple steps you can take to significantly reduce the risk of your bike being stolen;

- **get a good bike lock** (D-locks, thick cable locks or combination locks are the most secure) - look for Sold Secure Ltd approved locks, or ask the bike shop for a recommendation
- take **removable fittings** with you
- always **secure both the frame and wheels** to an immovable object, such as a bike rack or tree
- consider having your bike **security-marked** or **engraved**
- **photograph your bike**, take down all your bike details in the bike passport 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
- **vary your routine**: lock up your bike in different ways and places
- **lock your bike** every time you leave it, even for a few minutes, don't lose it
- ideally, **use two different types of locks** - a thief will need more tools to steal it
- **think about where you leave it**: lock in a busy, well-lit place, in view of other people or CCTV cameras
- **make the bike and lock hard to move** when parked

Extra security measures

Security mark items that have financial or sentimental value - it will make it easier for the police to identify them and return them to you.

Marking your property may also act as a deterrent to thieves, who do not want to be caught holding or passing on stolen items. You can mark your items by:

- using a UV pen (available at most stationery shops)
- engraving or etching your property
- using a forensic marking solution

You should always include information that will help identify you as the owner of the property, for example, a postcode.

Keep a record of any valuable items, including the make, model and any serial numbers that may help to identify it later.

Register your bike on www.immobilise.com

How do I store my bike at home?

Keep your bike out of sight - more than half of all bikes are taken from the owner's property.

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 bannister or ground anchor

If your bike is stored in a shed or garage...

- keep the door locked
- fit a good quality padlock to the door, using non-return screws
- cover windows with old curtains and fit wire mesh inside
- install a shed/garage alarm
- lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor

Photograph

Attach a photograph of your bike here.

