

BIKE SECURITY



It's an unfortunate reality that bike theft is on the increase which means it's important that you insure and secure your bike.

A good bike lock is a must however, not all bike locks are the same. You must secure your bike to an immovable object using either a Sold Secure or Thatcham approved lock. Insurance companies usually require a **Gold rated** lock for bicycles with an insured value of £1,000 and over.

Remember, that even if your bike gets stolen, you are still obligated to complete your Cycle to Work salary sacrifice agreement with your employer. Your employer will continue to make salary deductions until the voucher has been repaid in full. That's why it's important for you to insure your bike. You should familiarise yourself with the policy terms and adhere to the conditions stipulated.

Tips for securing your bike

- 🚲 When you are not riding the bike, you should always keep it securely locked with a Gold Standard Sold Secure Lock.
- 🚲 Some locks come with a long chain to enable you to secure any parts of the bike which are quick-release, such as the saddle or front wheel.
- 🚲 The lock should be used to secure the frame, spokes and bike stand, ensuring there is little room for manoeuvre, to make it difficult for thieves to insert their tools.
- 🚲 It is important to ensure you attach the lock to an immovable object, such as a sturdy bike stand or rail, otherwise the insurance will be invalid.
- 🚲 Chain around the immovable object and bike frame. Remove the key. Check the lock before leaving to be sure it is properly secure. Get the tightest fit possible.
- 🚲 Try to make sure the lock is not touching the ground, where it can be smashed with a sledgehammer.
- 🚲 Where you park and lock the bike is critical; leave it on a well-lit and busy street and avoid leaving it in the same spot every day so it doesn't get spotted by thieves.
- 🚲 It's not just the bike that can go missing – many parts and accessories are also valuable and easy to steal. If you can, take accessories with you.
- 🚲 Lock it and record it - when you leave the bike, take a photo to show that you have secured it correctly and removed any accessories. Take a photo of your location to help locate you in case breakdown recovery is required.

Register the bike with an asset registry

We recommend that you register your bike on [Immobilise](https://www.immobilise.com), one of the UK's most respected property registers. It is used by police forces from across the UK, as well as insurance companies and could help reunite you with stolen property, should the worse happen.

You can register ALL property on [Immobilise.com](https://www.immobilise.com), not just your new bike. It only takes a few minutes and is completely free of charge. All you need is your bike's make, model, frame or another identifying numbers. If your bike is recovered you will be contacted by the police and given the appropriate recovery information.

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