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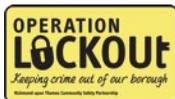
Supporting you...

Introducing the Richmonds Bicycle Theft



Make sure your bikes are securely locked away

'Keeping crime out of our borough'



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Security tips for your cycles

Follow our simple crime prevention tips and keep your bicycle safe from theft

With increasing numbers of us owning bicycles, it's important to know how to keep them safe. Especially as more of us are being encouraged to take up cycling both to improve our health and as an alternative form of transport to reduce congestion and emissions. Hundreds of thousands of bikes are stolen each year in England and Wales.

Help keep your bike secure by following some simple tips.

Protect your possessions

- 1 Take out insurance, either by extending your home contents insurance or through a separate policy; cycling organisations and bike shops may offer specialist cover
- 2 Record and register your bike. Richmond police and community safety partnership offer free cycle security marking using Bikeregister.com

At home

- 3 More than half of all bicycle thefts take place from an owner's property
- 4 Keep your bike in a secure garage or shed and keep the door locked
- 5 Keep it out of public view

Out and about

- 6 Always lock your bicycle, even if you are just leaving it for a couple of minutes
- 7 Avoid isolated places; leave your bike where it can be seen
- 8 Hardened steel D-shaped locks are recommended as the minimum lock standard; check out **Sold Secure** for certified locks, or ask your local bike shop
- 9 Lock your bike to an immovable object - a bike rack or ground anchors; thieves can remove drainpipes and lift bikes off signposts
- 10 Make the lock and bike hard to manoeuvre when parked - stop thieves smashing it open by keeping the lock away from the ground; keep the gap between bike and lock small
- 11 Secure removable parts; lock both wheels and the frame together

Learn more

- 12 If you think you are being offered a stolen bike, ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or the police non emergency number 101

For more advice, visit www.met.police.uk