

BIKE SECURITY AT EDDINGTON



Bicycles are vulnerable to theft or vandalism. There are some simple precautions that you can take to minimise the risk:

- Lock your bike regardless of where you are and how long you plan to leave it
- Use an appropriate quality lock for the location. Most locks now carry a security rating, the higher the rating, the more difficult the lock is to break. Use locks of gold 'sold secure' standard.
- Use two locks if possible – a high security lock to fix your bike frame to the stand, and a cable lock to protect the wheels. Wrapping the cable lock once around the stand will help prevent your bike being knocked over and damaged.
- Lock the frame and both wheels to the cycle parking stand. Make the locks and bike hard to manoeuvre. Secure your bike as close to the stand as possible.
- Remember locks can be picked, so facing the lock to the ground makes it harder for the thief to release your bike
- Take any removable items (pumps, lights, etc.) with you.
- If your saddle has a quick release lever, lock it to your frame or take it with you.

Register and security mark your bike

Each year police find hundreds of stolen bikes. If you're ever unfortunate enough to have your bike stolen, having it registered will help it be returned to you.

Bike Register (bikeregister.com) helps you security mark and register your bike. Security marks are difficult to remove which helps put thieves off stealing your bike.

To register your bike with Bike Register you will need to know the frame number, manufacturer and model and the colour of the bike.

Alternatively, you can register your bike with **Immobilise** (immobilise.com) for free along with any of your other valuables.

Police always advise you save your bike details as a contact on your mobile phone, with a photograph and the frame number. This means if you have your bike stolen, you'll be able to show the information to an officer which will help it be identified.

Report a stolen bike

You can report a stolen bike to police online (cambspolice.uk) or by calling **101**. Reporting your bike as stolen helps police match its description and return it to you, if it is recovered.

If you have registered your bike online with Bike Register or Immobilise, we recommend you log in to your account and update your bike as stolen.

Police often post images of recovered bikes on social media, so follow them to see if you recognise your bike.

You can also check websites such as **Stolen Bikes** (stolen-bikes.co.uk).