

## MAKE SURE YOU DON'T BUY A STOLEN CYCLE

Check the cycle for postcode security engravings and question the seller if the postcode does not match their address.

Ask for the buyer's pack – original documents, receipts, tools and handbook, which came with the bike.

Check the sellers knowledge of the bike, its size, make/model, who rode it, why they are selling, is their story credible?

Checkmend – for a small fee you could see if it is registered stolen by checking any frame numbers or security engravings with the immobilise stolen database by visiting [www.checkmend.com/uk/](http://www.checkmend.com/uk/)

## GOT INFORMATION ABOUT A STOLEN BIKE? REPORT IT!



If you know someone who is always selling cycles or who seems to be bringing different bikes home each night they may be cycle thieves or profiting from crime.

Report this suspicious behaviour by calling the Humberside Police non-emergency number 101. If it is a crime in progress call 999.

## WANT TO STAY ANONYMOUS?

We understand people are sometimes reluctant to give information. You can give information at any time to the independent charity, Crimestoppers and it will be completely anonymous. The charity makes sure your information goes directly to where it is needed. Help make your community a better place to live, support other cyclists and stop the trade in stolen property.

For more advice on cycle security and safety visit:

<http://www.humberside.police.uk/issues/protecting-your-property>

## COULD THE POLICE IDENTIFY YOUR STOLEN CYCLE?



To assist police in identifying all stolen property, bringing offenders to justice and preventing someone else benefiting from your loss, register all your property including cycles on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) for FREE.

If your bike is stolen or lost this FREE online register will inform all the UK police and registered second hand dealers that your bike is missing. Should it be offered for sale to a registered dealer or come into contact with any UK police force then a check of the system could reunite you with your stolen or lost bike.

## PROPERTY IS ALREADY BEING REUNITED

All types of property is recovered from handlers and thieves. By utilising immobilise other victims of crime are already being reunited with their property.



## HOW CAN I IDENTIFY MY CYCLE ?

Most cycles have a frame number stamped on the frame, which can be registered as an identifiable mark on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com)

In addition, a further identifiable mark can be added either by engraving or using a commercial marking product. This can also be recorded. Contact your local policing team for more information.

A photo of your cycle will greatly increase the chances of a cycle being recovered and can be added to the property register.

Join this scheme today! Its FREE, what have you got to lose? ....Apart from your bike, mobile phone, laptop, tablet, DVD, TV, Xbox and the rest of your belongings.

**DON'T LET A THIEF STEAL YOUR CYCLE**



**Find out how with our TOP TIPS**



**Humberside Police**  
Protecting Communities, Targeting Criminals, Making a Difference

## GET A DECENT LOCK.

Use **SOLD SECURE** or similar rated, quality locks, for peace of mind. Consider using two different types, as thieves rarely carry the tools to break two different lock types.

**LOCK YOUR BIKE EVERY TIME YOU LEAVE IT.** It only takes seconds to steal

## LOCK IT TO SOMETHING SOLID.

Secure it to a solid, unbreakable object – a cycle rack, railing or signpost. Beware of cast iron and plastic drain pipes that can be shattered and signposts where the sign can be removed and the bike lifted over the top. Use extension cables to secure valuable components such as suspension forks wheels and the saddle.

## QUICK RELEASE – QUICKLY GONE.

Many bikes feature quick release seats and wheels. Lock them or change to permanent fixings and carry a few tools when you're not racing.

## LOCK IT SOMEWHERE VISIBLE AND BUSY.

Busy racks with more people and bikes can mean safety in numbers.

## TAKE EXTRA CARE IN URBAN AREAS.

Avoid leaving your bike out overnight (even if well secured), as there are many valuable parts which could be gone by morning. High performance bikes are particularly at risk.



## SAFETY ON THE ROAD

### Clothing

Make sure you wear light coloured clothing preferably luminous with reflective stripes.

Make sure whatever you wear, can't become entangled in wheels or chains.

Don't carry heavy bags or rucksacks, which may make you unstable.

### Helmets

Always wear a helmet, as it may help to

prevent serious head injuries.

Make sure it fits you and conforms to current British Standards.

### Accessories

Fit a bell to warn other road users of your presence.

Compulsory lights – If you cycle in poor visibility or at night you must fit:

- White front light
- Red rear light
- Red rear reflector
- Amber pedal reflectors front and rear.

## SHEDS AND GARAGES

Keep your bike out of sight and in a secure building. If using a shed check its security.



### Windows

Can they be boarded over or have bars fitted? It's better if a burglar can't view inside, so cover the glass.

### Hinges

Could a burglar remove the screws? What about coach bolting them through the door or filling the screw heads. Drilling out the screw head once fitted can work.

### Locks

Don't cover the door in padlocks, use strong quality, discrete mortise locks.

### Alarm it

Battery alarms alert you of an attack, better still have the shed connected to the house alarm.

Keep your sheds locked and lock your cycle to a ground anchor or to something heavy inside

## Where to place your shed

Site it near your property and face the door towards the windows in the house.

### Garden

Remove any discarded tools, which may be used to break into your shed. Fit a dusk to dawn light, with a movement sensor floodlight, which could alert you to prowlers.

### Fences

Make your fences hard to climb by fitting trellis, which won't support a climber's weight and top with spiky plants.

## Stay Alert

Any distraction can cause an accident.

Always show drivers what you intend to do and try to anticipate a driver's actions.

Ride positively without making any erratic changes in direction or speed.

Look and signal before you start, stop or turn.

Ride well clear of the kerb and parked cars.

Always obey the rules of the road especially stop, one way and no entry signs.

## LOCKS

You should invest in quality locks. As a guide, spend at least 10% of the value of the bike. Most cycles stolen in Humberside are locked with cheap locks, which have been easily broken or cut.

There are three main type of cycle lock.



**D locks** are harder to cut, but only if the metal is hardened steel.

**Chains** need to be substantial, thick and made from hardened steel to provide reasonable protection.

**Wire locks and wire loops** are lighter and offer less security. Braided wire is by far the strongest due to being harder to cut. Beware of thin wire locks covered by thick plastic sheaths to make them appear strong.

You should look for locks which have been tested against attack. Check out [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com) for certified locks.

## HOW TO LOCK YOUR BIKE

A) Lock the cycle to an immovable object, which itself can't be broken. It's no use investing in a quality lock if the cycle can be carried away.

B) Lock both wheels and the frame together utilising steel wire loops. Take lights panniers and accessories with you.

C) Keep the gap between the bike and the lock small, so inserting tools is made harder.

D) Secure the cycle keeping the lock away from the floor.

E) Whenever possible keep the locking barrel facing the ground to make access more difficult.

Ask your cycle dealer for more advice or visit your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

