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Community Notice

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Chichester District

Bike thefts across the district have increased over recent weeks. Please see the information below to ensure the security of your bicycle.

In the UK, a bicycle is stolen every minute and fewer than 5% of those are returned to their owners. Our guidance below tells you how to keep your bike safe as well as what to do if it is stolen.

- When not using your bike always secure it using a sturdy bike lock . We recommend that you spend 10% of the bike's value on a decent lock, we recommend a D-Lock.
- If leaving your bike in public, lock it to something secure like a bike rack or lamppost. If you chain it to railings, make sure it's not causing an obstruction for pedestrians or other road users.
- We recommend that you double lock your bike. Once through a wheel and once through the frame.
- Make the lock and bike difficult to manoeuvre when parked - keep the lock away from the ground and keep the gap between the bike and lock small. This makes it much harder to cut through.
- When parking your bike at home try to keep it out of public view in a secure shed or garage.
- Take out insurance, either by extending your home contents insurance or through a separate policy.
- Any removable items such as lights or pumps should be taken with you when you park up your bike.

You can register your bike and get advice on security marking other items via the [Immobilise](http://www.immobilise.com) website. This is the UK National Property Register that is supported by us locally and by other police forces across the country.

Keep an eye out on the internet and social media too for details of local cycle marking events with your neighbourhood policing team - this can make it much easier to recover your bike if it should be stolen.

You can find us on Twitter @Chi_Police and Facebook @ChiPolice

If you are a victim of bike theft you can report it online via our website www.sussex.police.uk or by calling 101. Always dial 999 in an emergency

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If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately.

It might be the vital piece of information we need! Sussex Police gratefully receive information on all suspicious activity, suspicious persons and Anti-Social Behaviour, occurring in your area. We thank you for your vigilance and together, in partnership, we will effectively reduce and detect crime.