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Cycle Security

Crime Prevention Advice

More than half of bike thefts take place from an owner's property

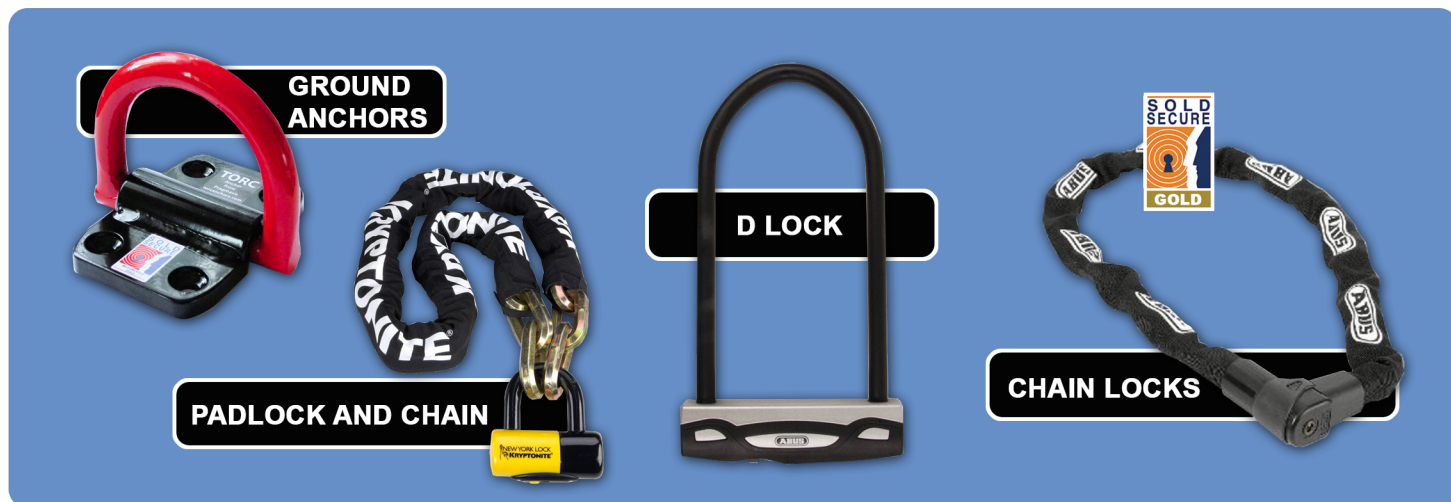
So as well as taking care of your bike when you are out and about, you should think about how safe it is at home. Any bike which is insecure, poorly protected and easy to steal will be attractive to offenders. Given half a chance they will try to steal insecure bikes. A bicycle can also be broken up for parts and sold off as the parts are not easily identifiable. The identity of the bike such as the frame number can also be changed and sold for far less than its actual value.

- Keep your bike in a secure shed or garage and get into the habit of keeping the door locked. If you keep your bike in a shed make sure that you have a robust lock for the door
- Secure it to an immovable object, or consider installing a floor or wall mounted anchor lock for extra security
- If you are going to keep your bike in a communal area, is there

anything you can lock it to or in ■ Keep it out of public view

- For extra protection, keep your bike secure wherever you leave it at home
- Don't leave bike racks on your car in the drive as a thief might then come and see if you have a bike to steal
- Don't start cycling apps until you are away from your house or alter the privacy settings so no one can see where you're setting off from

It is always advisable to use security products of a high standard such as secure sheds and pods as well as locks and chains. West Yorkshire Police recommends products tested to Sold Secure standards to deter thieves. Products to this standard are destruction tested and have been found to provide very high levels of security for your bike.



Think about where you store your bicycle

There are now products available which reach the Secured by Design standards such as the shed and pod shown in this leaflet. When putting your bike away, don't just rely on the structure of the shed or garage to protect it, use the other security products as well. A shed alarm along with a warning sign attached to the shed, can also be a deterrent for thieves.



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The use of ground anchors to Secured by Design standards should be considered in sheds and garages

These should be securely installed into a solid base such as a concrete floor and not secured to the wooden floor of a shed for example. These should be used in conjunction with at least a 16mm link chain and quality lock, again to Sold Secure / Secured by Design standards. Property marking is a very good deterrent for thieves who wish to steal the bike for spare parts. There are a number of unique forensic marking products on the market that can be applied to the bike in numerous places, such as the frame, forks and wheels etc. These products are recorded with the property marking company and can be traced to the rightful owner by police. It is advised that visible warning stickers are placed on a protected bike telling would be offenders that there are security measures in place. West Yorkshire Police recommends Forensic Marking products to Secured by Design standards.

<http://www.securedbydesign.com/>



Daylight Secure shed

Look for the Sold Secure or Secured by Design logos



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