

# Tips to ensure that you don't become a victim...

## 1. Get a decent lock.

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

## 2. Get it properly marked and electronically tagged.

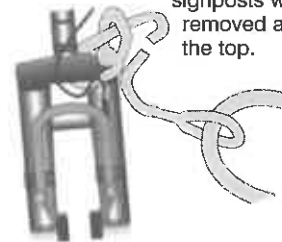
Ask your supplier about electronic tags. The Police can scan cycles to establish who owns them. Keep this cycle ID document in a safe place.

## 3. Lock your bike every time you leave it

It only takes seconds to steal.

## 4. Lock it to something solid

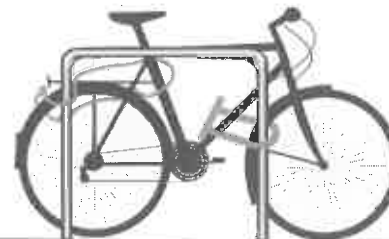
Secure it to a solid, unbreakable object - a cycle rack, railing or signpost. Beware of cast iron and plastic drain pipes that can be shattered and signposts where the sign can be removed and the bike lifted over the top.



*Use extension cables to secure valuable components such as suspension forks, wheels and the saddle.*

## 5. Lock all of the bike

If you lock it only by the front wheel, it is possible that's all you will find when you return. Make sure you secure the frame and both wheels. Consider using extra extension cables to do this.



## 6. Quick release — quickly gone

Only use quick release fittings when racing and never when leaving your cycle unattended.

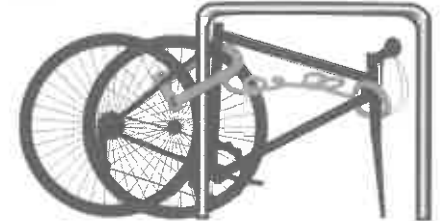
## 7. Lock it somewhere visible and busy

A well used cycle rack with more people in and around it provides greater surveillance.

## 8. 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. This method secures the suspension fork and quick release wheels.*



## 9. Keep your bike indoors

Don't leave expensive cycles inside cheap and often weak timber sheds. Where ever you store your cycle, secure it to a ground anchor fixed to the fabric of the building. Contact your local policing team and ask for advice on cycle security.

