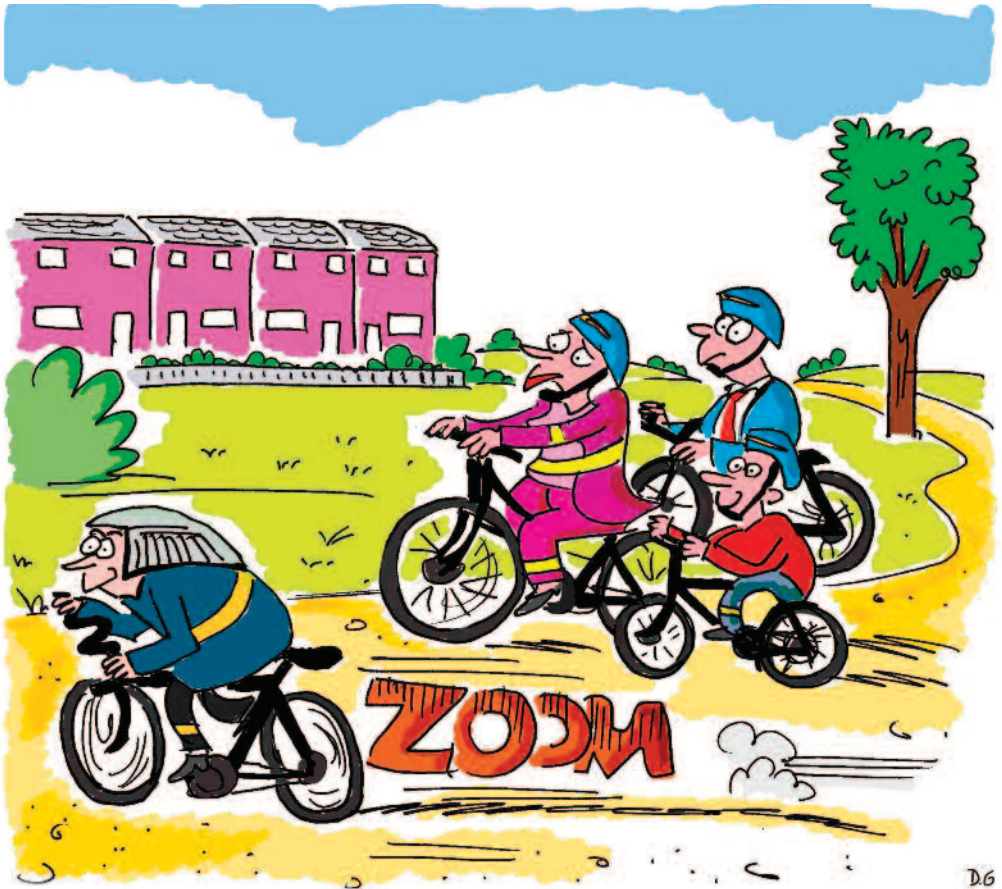


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Bicycles provide a great way of getting out and about. They are cheap to run, they help keep you fit and active and they are environmentally friendly.

Unfortunately, bikes can also make an easy target for thieves.

By following the advice given in this leaflet, you will lessen your chances of becoming a victim of bicycle crime.

Security measures

- Register your bicycle at **www.immobilise.com** or **www.bikeregister.com** so if the worst happens and your bike is stolen the police will have a better chance of recovering it.
- Photograph your bike and write a description of it, so you can report it accurately if stolen.
- Invest in a good bike lock – hardened steel D-shaped locks are recommended as the minimum standard. Ask your local bike shop for the best models or visit **www.soldsecure.com**.

Marking and tagging

- A number of marking and tagging systems are available to help safeguard your bicycle.
- Ensure the mark/tag is clearly visible, so a potential thief will see it.
- Ensure the mark/tag is secure – use a tamper-resistant label or an inaccessible electronic device.
- Ensure the bike is marked/tagged both on the frame and in another location that's not clearly visible.



Register your bicycle to prevent theft and aid recovery if it is stolen

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At home

- Bicycles are often taken from their owner's home. Reduce the likelihood of this happening by storing your bike in a locked garage or shed and keeping it out of view at all times.

Out and about

- Always secure your bicycle – even when leaving it for just a few minutes.
- Lock your bike to an immovable object, such as a bike rack or solid street furniture. Park it safely and considerately – without creating a hazard or obstruction to pedestrians or other road users.
- Secure removable parts and lock wheels and frame together. Remove quick release seats, panniers and bike computers.
- Avoid parking your bike in isolated or dimly lit areas.
- Don't leave an expensive bike in the same place on a regular basis. This will prevent it from being noticed and stolen to order.



Always secure your bicycle using a good bike lock

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Buyer beware... of stolen bikes

- Don't risk buying a stolen bike.
- When buying a second-hand bike try and make sure the seller owns it. Does the seller have proof of purchase or a manual? If there are security markings on the frame then check these with the police.
- Only buy a new bike from a registered dealer.

For more crime prevention advice visit www.surrey.police.uk

Contacting Surrey Police

For non-emergency calls or to contact your local police officer call **0845 125 2222*** or **01483 571212**, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Always dial **999** in an emergency.

If you have hearing difficulties or speech impairment, our minicom number is **1800** or **01483 539999**.

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