



# BICYCLE SECURITY INFORMATION

## Spend less on the bike and more on the lock!

The lock should be at least 10% of the value of the bike and at least €50. Thieves will target bicycles secured with cheap locks. Make it difficult for the thief, use 2 locks.

## How to lock your bike

Always lock your bike whether at work or at home.

Lock your bike to bicycle stands where available or to an immovable structure, avoid poles as bikes can slip and wheels can be easily damaged.

Always lock the wheels as well as the frame, especially quick release wheels.

Avoid slack on a cable or chain lock as this creates an opportunity to lever the lock open, so wrap any loose cable or chain around again.

Do not leave the lock close to the ground, this creates an opportunity to smash the lock open with a hammer.



## Bicycle markings

Record the frame number of your bike, (normally located under the bike between the pedals).

Take a photo of your bike or even take a photo of yourself with your bike as proof that you have owned the bike.

Report stolen bikes to your local Garda Station.

Many bikes are recovered but cannot be returned to owners because there are no identifying marks.

Consider engraving your bike with your eircode.

Do not buy a stolen bike, if the price is too good to be true it usually is, you'll lose your money and the bike!