



An Garda Síochána

BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION

(2019 Key Statistics)

An average of

6,200

bikes are stolen per year in Ireland.

Twice as many bikes are stolen in Summer than in Winter.

Almost

4000

bikes were reported stolen in Dublin in 2019.

The average value of a stolen bike is
€500



FACTS

The average value of a stolen bike is €500, while over 10% of stolen bikes are worth €1,000 or more.

Bikes are most likely to be stolen during the day in public places, and overnight from residential locations.

Two thirds of bikes are stolen from public places such as on the street or in a car park.

Approximately 20% of bike owners were able to provide their bicycle frame / serial number to Gardaí when they reported their bike as stolen in 2019.

The peak months for bike theft are July, August, September and October.

TOP 5 TIPS



1 Spend 10% to 20% of the value of the bike on a good quality U-Lock and Cable Lock.



2 Lock tight to an immovable object, and keep lock off the ground. Secure the wheels using a coil/cable lock or chain.



3 Better to lock indoors. But if outside secure where well lit, with CCTV or natural surveillance.



4 Note the bike frame / serial number and take a clear photograph. It will help reunite you with your stolen bike should it be recovered.



5 Always report bike thefts to An Garda Síochána and provide the frame / serial number of the stolen bicycle.

If you have been the Victim of a Crime, or have witnessed a Crime,
Call the Gardaí on 999 or 112 immediately.