General

- Register your bicycle securely online at www.bikeregister.com which may help to recover your bike if it goes missing.
- Consider the use of a bike tracker, to track your bike using GPS.
- Photograph and record all of your bike's details and distinguishing features and keep in a safe place.
  The serial number is generally located on the bottom bracket.
- If using social media, make your profile private. Don't disclose your home address or list your bikes make and model on social media or GPS apps. Consider use of available privacy zone features.
- Never leave your bike unattended at popular riding destinations.
- Do not leave bikes unattended on vehicle bike racks, especially overnight.

Find Out more

- www.scotland.police.uk
- www.securedbydesign.co.uk – Police accredited testing scheme aimed at enhancing security
- www.spokes.org.uk – Campaign for better facilities for cyclists
- www.sustrans.org.uk – Active travel organisation will provide advice on National Cycle Network
- Contact your local Crime Prevention Officer via 101 or E-mail:

  edinburghpreventandintervent@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Cycle Security

POLICE SCOTLAND
Keeping people safe
POILEAS ALBA

SOLD SECURE
TESTED TO REDUCE CRIME

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Out and About

- Lock your bike every time you leave it using Sold Secure accredited locks (i.e. D-locks or thick cable locks). As a guide, spend about 10% of the cost of your bike on a lock.
- Ideally, use two different types of lock.
- Locks are considered vulnerable when close to the ground, so keep them off the floor.
- Fasten your bike through the frame and wheel to a fixed object.
- Lock your bike in a busy, well-lit place, in view of people or CCTV cameras.
- Lock the bike closely to the object it's attached to, so it is difficult to manoeuvre.
- Lock the wheels and remove accessories that can't be secured, such as lights and E-bike batteries.
- Vary your routine - lock up your bike in different ways & places.

At Home/Common stair

- Always keep your bike out of sight as best you can.
- The most secure place to keep your bike is in your house / flat, if possible.
- Purpose built bike lockers with Sold Secure and Secured By Design options are available.
- Make sure your door entry system is working and the entry door(s) shuts and locks.
- Don't let strangers into the stair.
- Never leave the stair door wedged open.
- Lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor.
- Insure your bike, either on contents insurance or seperately if required.
- Consider use of Local Authority storage options, if unable to safely secure your bike at home.

Shed and Garage

- If keeping your bike in a shed, use coach bolts or non-returnable screws on hinges and Sold Secure hasps & locks on shed doors.
- Consider installation of a shed/ garage alarm.
- Lock your bike with two locks to a ground anchor and lock bikes together.
- Secure windows and don't give intruders the opportunity to see inside. Depending on the type of window, consider fitting internal window grills, heavy wire mesh or reinforced glass. You could also use curtains or opaque film. If the window opens, a window lock should be fitted.