

Vehicle & Bicycle Security



Prevent bicycle and personal mobility device theft

Bicycle and personal mobility device (PMD) theft can be frustrating and expensive but protecting your gear is easier than you think. Follow these four simple steps to safeguard your property and stay one step ahead of thieves.

Lock

A strong lock is your first line of defence. Choose a sturdy, reliable lock, preferably a U-lock or heavy-duty chain to deter theft. The tougher the lock, the harder the job for criminals.

Secure

Where you park matters. Always attach your bike to a solid, immovable object and park in a well-lit, visible location. Thieves hate attention so make your ride hard to steal and easy to spot.

Protect

Mark it, engrave it, make it yours. Security markings and engravings help police identify stolen property and prove ownership. A few minutes now can save you a lot of hassle later.

Record

Keep a record before it's gone. Write down the serial number, snap clear photos and store them safely, digitally or in a bike registry app. These details are vital for recovery if theft happens.

Need help?

Call **Triple Zero (000)** for police, fire, ambulance in an emergency.

Call **131 444** for non-urgent police attendance.

Report crime anonymously at crimestopperssa.com.au or by calling Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

Need more information?

Turn this page over for more on this topic, or see how you can *protect what matters* by scanning the code or visiting www.police.sa.gov.au



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Lock

- Use a high-quality lock that resists cutting and prying. Avoid flimsy or easily broken locks.
- For added security, use two different types of locks (e.g. U-lock and chain lock).
- Never leave your bike or PMD unlocked, even for a short time.
- At home, store it in a locked shed or inside your house.

Secure

- Always lock your bike/PMD to a fixed, sturdy object like a bike rack, post or fence.
- Avoid locking to small or weak objects (e.g. signs or trees) that can be easily removed.
- Secure your bike in a well-lit, visible location, ideally near CCTV cameras for added safety.

Protect

- Mark your bicycle/PMD frame near the serial number using:
 - engraving tools
 - UV pens
 - microdots
- Include your driver's licence number prefixed with 'S' for South Australia (e.g. S123456).
- Mark accessories like helmets, lights, pumps, and saddles.
- Consider using audible alarms or GPS trackers.
- For PMDs, removing the battery may help deter theft.

Record

- Consider registering your bike or device with a trusted bike registry app for added security and easier recovery.
- Record the serial number, make, model, and unique features.
- Include photos from multiple angles showing markings and accessories.
- Save your record in cloud storage or on a trusted app – this makes identification and recovery much faster.

For further information contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au



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