## **Security tips**

Always lock your bike! Even a few minutes while you pop into the dairy is enough time for a bike thief.

## Use a good lock, and use it right

Buy a good D-lock or chain. Thin cable locks are easy to cut. Ask your local bike shop for advice and expect to spend at least \$60. If you have a high-end bike or an e-bike, buy a great lock, or two.

Lock your bike through the frame, not just a wheel or around the forks. If you have a quick-release seat or wheels, lock those too. Take accessories with you.



## Pick a good place

Find something solid to lock your bike to. A bike rack is best. Some signposts aren't fixed in place.

Locking your bike in a busy place may mean a thief has less time to attack your lock without being noticed.

At school or work, watch out for places a thief could get to – don't trust that a private garage is secure.

Be kind, and don't block a path or doorway.

Lock your bike at home too. Don't leave your bike in a shared area or an open yard, garage or carport.

## Write down your details

Write down the serial number of your bike. Turn your bike over to find it, stamped on the frame between the pedals.

Take photos to help you describe your bike if it's stolen.

You can register your bike on the NZ Police SNAP system at <a href="mailto:snap.org.nz">snap.org.nz</a>.

If your bike is stolen, call 105 or report it at 105.police.govt.nz for the best chance of getting it back.



To learn more tips for staying safe on the road and making the most of your bike, visit <u>pedalready.org.nz</u>