

Checklist Safety on the go



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Securing your bicycle



Theft rates are rising – the percentage of crimes solved is falling!

The chance of getting a stolen bicycle back is falling all the time. But it doesn't have to be that way. With a little effort, you can spoil things even for clever thieves. To keep fear of loss of your bicycle to a minimum, we provide the following checklist for correctly securing your bicycle:

- **Is your bicycle parked in the right place?**

Always think about where you are parking your bicycle. A deserted side street is just as bad as a quiet parking facility. You're better off picking a parking spot that has frequent foot traffic.

- **Do you use an additional lock?**

These are available in all price and quality levels. We recommend high-quality chain locks or U-locks. The longer a thief needs to break a lock, the higher the risk that he'll be caught in the act.

- **Is the bicycle secured to a fixed object?**

Wherever possible, you should use a high-quality additional lock to lock your valuable bicycle to a fixed object. Long U-locks or high-quality lock/chain combinations are suitable for this purpose.

- **Does your lock deter theft?**

Criminal energy is quickly exhausted when it is plain to see that a theft will be successful only after extensive effort and work.

- **The lock cylinder vulnerability**

More and more professional thieves depend on intelligent special tools that allow many locks to be easily opened (through picking). Many bicycle locks are equipped with what are known as tubular cylinders (the ones with the round keys). Just one special tool allows these locks to be easily opened. Our advice: Don't use them!

- **Are your locks certified?**

Only top securing products made from high-tech materials with high-quality locking systems pass the tests of international test institutes. The more of these little stickers or symbols are on the packaging, the better the resistance of the products marked in this way.

- **Resistant to ice spray?**

Many cheap steels can be defeated by treatment with ice spray. High-quality locks resist ice spray attacks and are indicated by a corresponding certifying seal.

- **Do you always take your lock with you?**

The best lock doesn't stand a chance if it isn't taken with the bike. With the TakeAway, ABUS even offers a bicycle lock that becomes a sturdy luggage carrier together with its mount.

- **The trend toward a second lock**

Secure your bicycle with two locks of two different designs, such as a U-lock and a cable lock. Professional thieves usually specialize in one particular lock type.