

# TOP TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR BIKE

## **M** Mark your bike

Attend a free bike marking event advertised by Merseyside Police. These are advertised on the local Merseyside Police social media channels. Your make is 83% less likely to be stolen if it is both marked and registered.

## **A** Awareness

When you are out on your bike be aware of your surroundings and don't let thieves try to steal it. When out on the street leave your bike in a well lit area where it can be seen by passers by. Lock both wheels and the frame to a cycle stand, or an immovable object. Make sure the lock goes through the frame, wheel and the post you are securing it to. Take any removable items with you.

## **R** Register your bike

Register your bike for free by visiting The National Cycle Crime Database/BikeRegister. Merseyside Police are now actively checking bikes on the National Cycle Database. If your bike is stolen, this will significantly increase the chances of you getting your bike back. Scan the QR code (to the right) to register your bike on BikeRegister.

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## **K** Keep out of view

When at home store your bike in a shed or garage. Don't leave the bike unattended outside the front of your house. Remember to secure it to an immovable object.

## **I** Insure

If you have invested a significant amount of money into your bike, consider specialist bike insurance or check your home insurance covers you for theft away from home.

## **T** Top bike lock

A decent bike lock is worth its weight in gold. A heavy-duty bike lock can make thieves jobs more difficult, often meaning they want to steal a bike that is less secure. Make sure you buy a Sold Secure Diamond or Gold Lock.