



# Lock It Right

## Your E-Bike Security & Theft Prevention Guide

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## Why Security Matters

E-bikes are an incredible way to move — fast, clean, fun — but they've also become a top target for theft, especially in big UK cities.

At GIN E-Bikes, we want to make sure your ride stays *your ride*. This guide is here to help you protect your investment with smart, easy-to-follow tips for everyday security.

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## Choosing the Right Lock

A good lock is your first line of defence. And not all locks are created equal.



### Best Options:

- **D-Lock / U-Lock:** Tough, durable, hard to cut. Go for Sold Secure-rated models.
- **Heavy-duty chain:** Use with a ground anchor or for securing at home.
- **Frame lock (café lock):** Great for quick stops — locks the rear wheel.



**Use two locks if possible:** One through the frame + rear wheel, and one through the front wheel or saddle.



**Pro Tip:** Spend **10–15% of your bike's value** on security. £100–£150 on a lock is cheap insurance for a £1,300+ bike.

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## Where & How to Park Safely




### Do:

- Lock to a **secure, immovable object** (bike rack, metal post).
- Choose **well-lit, busy areas** with CCTV if possible.
- **Lock through the frame**, not just the wheel.

- **Remove accessories** like the battery or display when parking for longer periods.

### **Avoid:**

- Isolated alleyways or quiet back streets.
- Locking to wooden posts or weak fencing.
- Leaving your bike overnight in public places.

 Most thefts happen when bikes are locked in the same spot every day — change it up when you can.

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## **Smart Anti-Theft Tools**

Level up your protection with these tech upgrades:

### **GPS Trackers**

- Install a discreet GPS tracker under the saddle, in the frame, or in the rear light.
- Some options come with motion alerts and real-time tracking to your phone.

### **Alarm Systems**

- Small, loud alarms that go off when the bike is tampered with.
- Motion-sensing options are cheap but effective deterrents.

### **Hidden Cameras**

- If storing your bike at home (in shared garages or hallways), consider a budget security cam with motion alerts.
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## **Home Security Tips**

- Store your bike **indoors** if possible — hallway, shed, or secure garage.
- If using a communal bike store, **lock your bike to a solid structure**, even indoors.

- Consider installing a **ground anchor** in your garage or garden shed for extra protection.
  - Always **lock the bike even inside your home** if you live in shared accommodation.
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## Register & Insure Your Bike

### 1. **Bike Register (UK)**

Register your e-bike's frame number on [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com) — it's free and increases your chances of recovery if stolen.

### 2. **Insurance**

Consider e-bike-specific insurance. It's more affordable than you think and often covers theft, damage, and third-party liability.



Some home insurance policies cover e-bikes — check your terms.

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## What to Do If Your Bike is Stolen

- Report immediately to **local police** (non-emergency line: 101). Provide frame number, pictures, and any GPS tracker data.
- Report to **BikeRegister** and local Facebook cycling or stolen bike groups.
- Notify your **insurance provider** as soon as possible.
- Search online marketplaces (Gumtree, eBay, Facebook Marketplace) — sometimes bikes reappear there.



**Bonus Tip:** Keep a photo of your bike, frame number, and receipt saved in your phone.

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## Final Thoughts

Your e-bike is more than just transport — it's freedom, joy, and movement. With a few smart habits, you can enjoy all of that with peace of mind.

**Ride smart. Lock smart. Stay free.**

– The GIN E-Bikes Team 

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