



Securing your vehicle



Campus Watch
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Bicycles

The Basic Do's and Don'ts:

- Do keep purchase receipts for the bicycle in case you need to make an insurance claim.
- Do record a description of your bicycle. Include the make, model, frame number, and a photograph, and note any distinguishing marks and their precise location.
- Do spend 10% to 20% of the value of the bike on a 'U'-lock and cable lock.
- Do mark your bicycle with a UV Pen with your Eircode.
- Do lock tight to an immovable object, and keep lock off the ground.
- Don't leave your bicycle unattended unless it has been locked - not for a second!
- Don't park it in concealed places, even if it has been locked. Better to lock indoors. But if outside: secure where well lit, with CCTV or natural surveillance.
- Don't leave the bicycle unlocked in the back garden. Store it in a secured garage or other outbuilding and lock it up.
- Don't leave easily removable accessories on the bicycle when you leave it, such as lights and quick release saddles or wheels.
- Always report bicycle thefts to the Gardaí.



Electric Scooters

- As with Bicycles photograph and retain details of your electric scooter.
- Secure your scooter with a high-quality U-lock that is appropriately sized for your scooter.
- The best location on most electric scooters for locking is around the folding mechanism or around the stem.
- Lock the electric scooter to a permanent fixture, such as a bike rack and in well lit, secure locations.



Motorcycles

Motorcycles are a popular form of transport, but secure parking for them can be hard to find. Lock your motorcycle to racks which are embedded into concrete, located in areas which have good natural surveillance. This can help secure your motorcycle and reduce the opportunity for theft.



Cars

Many students are car owners, and criminals are always on the lookout for an easy opportunity.

With this in mind:

1. Ensure your car is locked, and check it before leaving. Always take the car keys with you. Use your alarm if you have one.
2. Avoid leaving windows open, even slightly, – regardless of where you've parked, or how long you're leaving the car for.
3. Do not leave valuables in your car. If this is necessary, secure them out of sight in the boot.
4. Do not leave personal documents, i.e. driving licenses, passports, etc., in your car.
5. If you have to keep money in your car for parking meters, keep it in a closed glove box, or in another out-of- sight compartment. If it is on view, a desperate thief might smash a side window (worth €200) to steal €3 in change.



Campus Watch is similar to a residential Neighbourhood Watch scheme in that it is a crime prevention and community safety programme. It operates as a partnership between An Garda Síochána and the campus occupants. It works on the basis that every member of campus can help to improve the quality of life on site by keeping a look out for students, staff and visitors, and reporting suspicious activities to the gardaí.

