UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD
SECURITY SERVICE

Cycle crime is largely an opportunist crime.

Oxford University Security
run a free of charge cycle
registration scheme

TOP TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE

Lock it up, no matter how short a period of time you intend to be away for.
Even if it is visible from where you are, you should remember that a person riding a bike is probably faster than you running after them!

Lock to something immovable and solid.

"D" locks are the best locks to use. Use two locks - one through the front wheel and one through the back wheel, both incorporating the frame when you lock the bike

Don't be fooled by cheap locks which look really beefy. Many cheap shackle locks can be broken with one blow of a brick or hammer.

11 Seconds to steal a bike that's all it takes

University Security Services sell D Locks and Cycle lights Visit us at the Old Observatory Building on the Science area

ON THE STREET

Keep to well lit areas

Walk facing on coming traffic

If you are approached by some one step back and keep a
safe distance

Walk with confidence with your head up at all times

Listening to a device through earphones etc will limit your ability to hear
someone approaching you from behind

If you do feel threatened in any way go into crowded space such as a
shop or pub, to raise help.

Public Transport & Taxis

Only share a taxi with people you know

Try to use buses late at night that are quite busy

If you feel vulnerable, move to near the front of the bus near the driver.

TAXIS

You can pre-book private hire vehicles

If they are flagged down without a booking the driver is committing an offence and the vehicle insurance will be invalid.

Hackney carriage can be picked up at a rank or flagged down on the street it is even more important to make a note of the unique licence number.

Whilst it may be difficult to see the plate on the back of the cab the number also on rear windows and displayed on the screen behind the driver.

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CRIME

Ensure that your wallet is kept in your front pocket and not your back pocket.

If you have shoulder bags wear the strap across your chest.

Keep hold of handbags in bars and on the street.

Don't leave phones/laptops unattended on tables in bars or coffee shops

If drawing money out at a cash point take note of your surrounding any people watching you ?

KEEPING YOUR PROPERTY SAFE

Always secure windows and doors, especially at night. If you do want to open a window, never leave it unattended.

Keep small high-value items like your car keys, mobile phone, wallet, handbag and jewellery out of sight, and ensure they can not be seen or reached through cat flaps and letter boxes

Protect passwords and pin numbers

Set light switch timers for when you are out or away for long periods

Find out more about Thames Valley Alert

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

LAST FEW TIPS

Report any suspicious behaviour. It is common for an offender to checkout a number of properties for entry points before finding a vulnerable home.

Report suspicious activity call the Police on 999.

CrimeStoppers.
Speak up. Stay safe.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous, Always

Keep photos of your valuables and make a note of serial numbers

You can also register your property on: **www.imobilise.com**

IMMOBILISE ®
THE UK NATIONAL PROPERTY REGISTER
Police Secured by Design Service

We suggest making use of tracking software, available to download onto computers and some smart phones for free and can be activated remotely to find the location of your device if it ever goes missing. Check out – **www.preyproject.com**

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OUSS WEBSITE

- *Complete information guide to OUSS services*

- *Ability to report a 'non-emergency' incident on line*

- *Specific guidance on personal safety*

- ***www.admin.ox.ac.uk/ouss***
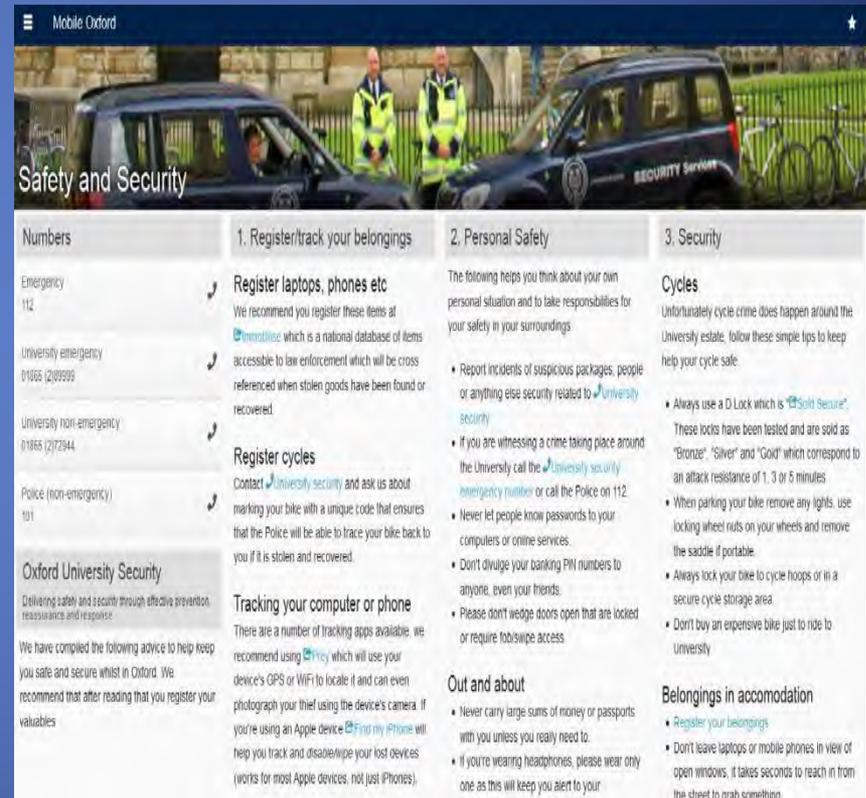
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Fully interactive information guide for OU

Service information
Personal safety advice
Telephone contact with OUSS via APP

Free @ Apple/Goggle stores

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