



# 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.

## PRIVATE HIRE



**OXFORD  
CITY  
COUNCIL**

# 777

## 123 XYZ

Black TOYOTA Avensis

### 09/10/2013

#### 4 PASSENGERS



This vehicle may not ply for hire or stand on taxi ranks 

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE



**OXFORD  
CITY  
COUNCIL**

# 888

## XYZ 123

Black LTI TX4

### 09/10/2013

#### 5 PASSENGERS



This licence plate belongs to OXFORD CITY COUNCIL 

# 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](http://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](http://www.imobilise.com)



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](http://www.preyproject.com)



# 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](http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/ouss)



The screenshot shows the OUSS website homepage. The header is dark blue with the 'SECURITY SERVICES UAS' logo on the left, a search bar in the center, and the University of Oxford crest on the right. Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links to 'Home', 'Security Services', 'Our services', 'Crime Prevention Advice', 'Meet the Team', and 'Contact Us'. A prominent red box on the left side contains the text 'Report an Incident online' with a right-pointing arrow, followed by 'You can also report non-emergency incidents to us by telephoning: (2)72944' and a telephone icon. The main content area features a large image of a car driving through a stone archway, with the heading 'Security Services' above it. Below the image, there is a paragraph of text: 'Delivering safety and security through effective prevention, reassurance and response. Security is an important aspect of University life. Oxford University Security Services (OUSS) provide a wide range of services aimed at maintaining a safe and secure physical environment for the University community. The Security Services teams operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and are always available to provide support and assistance to staff, students and visitors.' To the right of the main content, there are sections for 'Contact us' (listing phone numbers) and 'Useful links' (listing external organizations like Thames Valley Police and Oxford City Council). At the bottom, there are two small images: 'Personal Safety' showing a person walking and 'Securing Your Property' showing a metal mesh cage.

# MOBILE OXFORD APP OUSS PAGES

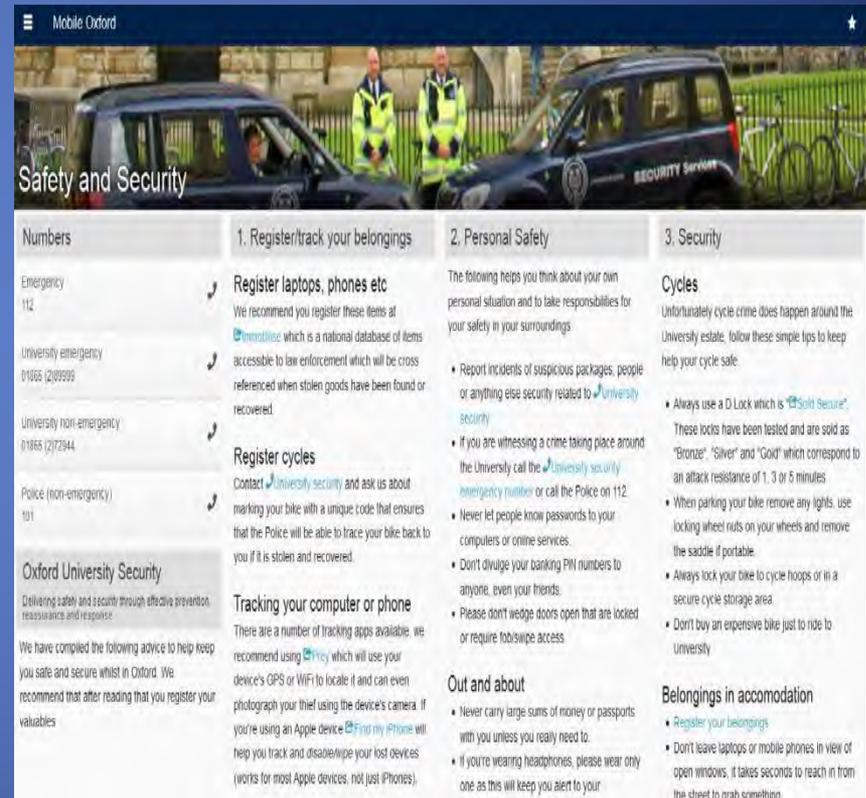
*Fully interactive information guide for OU*

*Service information*

*Personal safety advice*

*Telephone contact with OUSS via APP*

*Free @ Apple/Google stores*



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