

because there are crimes that deprive the offender of the right to be called a man, they delete it from the list of people!

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COMBATE BIKES' THEFTS IN SWEDEN

Bicycle theft is one of the most common property offences. In 2017, 65,200 bicycle thefts were reported, which is roughly the same level as compared with the preceding year. Bicycle theft is not a specific legal category, it is not possible to isolate the number of persons who were found guilty of bicycle theft from the statistic [1].

10,030 bikes were stolen last year in Stockholm municipality. 5 434 were stolen in Stockholm city alone. A stolen bicycle is one of the most common property crimes. Biking is popular in Sweden so there's no shortage for the thieves bring out the bicycle!

A study from the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention shows that 6.5% of all households in Sweden at some point have experienced bicycle thefts. Meanwhile, the real number is much bigger. Only 38% of all stolen bicycles are reported. The 10 030 bikes stolen in Stockholm municipality last year were reported. In total, 60 450 bikes were stolen in Sweden. It's important to remember in all of this, that many Swedes use their bikes to get to and from work, school, shopping etc.

So what can you do? "Whether it's an organized theft or a drunk person who takes your bike just because he needs to get home, you can make it harder on the perpetrator if you use an approved lock," says a vice managing director. The market for stolen bikes is huge in cities with many students. So when buying a second-hand bike, make sure you ask to see the seller's ID. "If the person doesn't want to show you their ID, then watch out," she says. Also ask to see the original receipt for the purchase of the bike, that's a good way of finding out if the seller and the bike actually are connected. "Is the price too good to be true? Then it probably is too good to be true." You can no longer say you acted in good faith, if you buy a stolen bike.

Ways to make it harder for the thief:

1. Lock your bike onto a permanent fixture.
2. Park your bike somewhere open, where lots of people pass by.
3. Mark your bike so you recognize it easily.
4. Register the number of the bicycle.
5. Cover or put a sticker over the bike's label (especially if it's an expensive bike).
6. Remove the seat of the bike, if possible [2].

Report the crime to the police as soon as you can. A prompt report provides the police a greater opportunity to find technical evidence and examine witnesses. For emergency situations call 112 if you are being subjected to a crime or see a crime being committed [4].

After figures suggested more than 70,000 bikes were stolen in Sweden last year, police turned to Facebook to help people keep hold of their cycles for the rest of the summer.

Swedes love to get on their bikes during the warmer months, and cycle lanes in the country's major cities have been getting noticeably busier in recent weeks. But despite Sweden's generally low crime rate, tens of thousands of bicycles are stolen every year. The nation's police force

updated its guidelines for cyclists in a post on Facebook which has made national headlines.

Much of the advice is common sense, including suggesting that people use strong cycle locks and to attach their bikes to fixed objects (such as a bike rack or fence). Police also argue that rather than finding a quiet spot, cyclists should park their bikes in busy, open areas where others might notice if someone tries to take them.

Sweden has a national bike registration scheme which holds cyclists' details in a secure database which all regional police forces have access to. If you buy a new bicycle it will be linked to your personal number.

Swedish police also recommend that all cyclists mark their bikes using security kits. These can be bought in bike stores or online and allow customers to label their cycles with unique codes that cannot be removed, to further help police identify bikes that are stolen.

There were two distinct kinds of bike crime in Sweden, "spontaneous" thefts where someone takes a cycle just to make a journey and organised plots to steal bikes and sell them on. In some cases they are sold abroad. The criminals put them on containers and ship them out. While cycling is popular in all of Sweden's major cities, Malmö was named the sixth most bike-friendly city in the world in a new index of cycling in urban environments [3].

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