

# Students be aware!



## Burglary

Do you keep valuables in your room, such as a laptop, an iPad, a Smartphone or a TV? For burglars student dorms are an easy prey. People are always coming and going and as often as not the front door is left unlocked. Simple burglary skills such as pin-balling or cylinder pulling are all they need to get in.



## Bicycle theft

As a student you rely on your bike for everything: to go from your classes to your home, from the supermarket to the gym etc. Unfortunately student towns are a paradise for bike thieves; almost all students have their bike stolen at least once during their studies.



## Fencing bicycles

Bike thieves offer stolen bikes for sale on the streets. It may seem a bargain to buy a bike for a tenner, but in fact that makes you guilty of fencing stolen property. This means that, apart from getting a fine, you will also have a criminal record, which could do serious damage to your later career, as you often need a 'Certificate of Good Conduct' when starting a new job.

### Tip

- Always lock the door to your room before going out.
- Place valuables out of sight.
- Install an anti-burglary strip or ask your landlord to install this.
- If there's someone in the house you don't know always ask who they're visiting.

### Tip

- Use two locks to attach your bike both with the frame and the wheel to a fixed object (such as a pole or a bike rack).

### Tip

- Before buying something (for example on Marktplaats) always check whether the product is registered as stolen on [Stopheling.nl](http://Stopheling.nl).



### Fraud in renting out rooms

Do you like to following ad: “Nice room right in the center of town for only € 200,- a month”? Watch out: if something sounds too good to be true, it’s usually a scam! Criminal prey on the housing shortage in your city. They place ads for nice rooms against a low rent, for which you have to pay a deposit. Too bad, you never get the keys to the room and your money’s gone.



- Always check whether the room is actually for rent, and use Google Images to see whether the picture of the room appears on other sites.
- Compare prices on different sites. If the price is too low to be true, it probably isn't.



### ID fraud

With your identity card, driving license or passport, criminals could use your identity details, for example to open accounts or buy stuff in your name.



- Never send a copy of your proof of identity and if you have to (e.g. when renting a room) cross out identifying numbers such as your citizen service or social security number.
- Use the KopieID app. This app allows you to cross out your identity details and allows you to make a safe copy of your proof of identity with your smartphone.



### URL's for more info

[www.hetccv.nl](http://www.hetccv.nl)  
[www.stopfietsdiefstal.nu](http://www.stopfietsdiefstal.nu)  
[www.stopheling.nl](http://www.stopheling.nl)  
[www.fraudehelpdesk.nl](http://www.fraudehelpdesk.nl)  
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