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**LOCKING AHEAD: KEEP BACK TO SCHOOL THINGS SAFE
THIS AUTUMN**

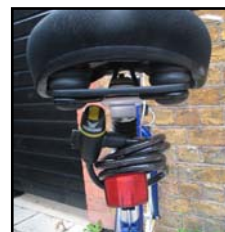
It's not just kids who get nervous about the start of the new school year. The cost of new school items, from bikes to backpacks, means that parents can get anxious too, especially if there are thieves about. How can you make sure that school things don't 'walk'?

Fortunately, it's easy to keep things safe; with a few well-placed locks and some sensible precautions, that new equipment will still be around at the end of the year.



Bikes can be easily secured using a **D-Lock**. With just one easy click, any bike can be locked to a stand or a railing. The Sterling D-Lock comes with a special protective sleeve to prevent scratching paintwork, and is weather resistant, to provide year-round protection.

Also ideal for securing a bike when no racks are available is the light but strong **Locking Cable**. With a snap locking action for easy use and self-coiling for simple storing, this flexible, braided steel cable can be used to secure a bike whilst out and about.



Combination Padlocks are perfect for children as there are no keys to lose, and they can easily be fitted to school bags, lockers, or games holdalls. Sterling combination padlocks have corrosion-resistant bodies and come in a variety of sizes. There is also a **Dial Combination Lock**, ideal for larger lockers or cases.

Locks can deter opportunist thieves, but it's up to kids to be street-smart to make sure their property stays safe:



Always lock up a bike, even if it will only be left for a few seconds – a few seconds is all it takes to steal it!



Never leave valuable equipment unattended. Lock it in a bag or case, and then lock the case in a locker for added security.



Use internal pockets in bags to hide small valuables. Keeping them out of sight will help keep sticky fingers away.

The Sterling range has a selection of good quality and great value padlocks ideal for many family security needs. For stockist information call Phoenix Security Products on 0113 250 3603 or visit www.sterlinglocks.com