

## The Project

This is a Tendring Youth Assembly project funded by Tendring District Council.

The TYA made this leaflet to give young people advice on how to keep their property and keep themselves safe.

Did you know that:

“Around 30 bikes a month were stolen in Tendring towards the end of 2006.”

“In January 2007 it was reported that more than a quarter of all muggings in Essex are on those aged between 11 and 16.”



**TENDRING YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

The Tendring Youth Assembly (TYA) is a group of young people who are sponsored by Tendring District Council to represent the official voice of young people in Tendring. The TYA also sets up projects to benefit young people. The group of up to 25 young people aged 12 to 19 also advise the District Council on whether policies and facilities are young people friendly. For more information visit [www.tvyc.com](http://www.tvyc.com).

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# Property Theft

**Keep it Safe**



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## Muggings

We would like to begin by mentioning that the district of Tendring is one of the safest places to live in the UK, however it is important for young people to know how to prevent themselves from being a victim of crime.

**Don't be flash with your cash.**

Women feel most in danger walking down the street yet it's men who are the most likely victims of muggers. Protect yourself from being considered an easy target by...



- Keeping bags closed and zipped up. Be extra careful with rucksacks. If someone grabs it, let it go. Bags and their contents can be replaced.
- Don't be flash with your cash, mobile phone or iPod, keep it in your pocket.
- If you suspect you're being followed, cross over the road to see if they follow. If you're still worried don't hang about. Go into a shop to call a mate to meet you or phone the police.

- Have your house key ready before you reach the door—and carry them on you, not in your bag. Rummaging round for them means you're not looking at what's around you.

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- Walk confidently and be aware of what's going on around you at all times.
- Remember if you're chatting on the phone or listening to your personal stereo, you won't

hear someone come up behind you. Your hearing is your best protection; your voice is your best defence. If you're attacked, shout and run.

- Steer clear of confrontation. What's the point? Who needs the hassle?
- If something does happen report it to the police. You could stop it happening to someone else.
- When using a cash machine go in daylight or in a well lit area or with a mate if you can.
- Make sure you keep your wallet or purse out of sight.



## Bicycles

Use a sturdy lock. Chains are OK, but can be cut. Talk to your

local bike dealer about the best for sale.

Lock both tyres, and remove any extras (like lights). With £21,000 worth of bikes stolen in 2005 in Essex, you can't be too protective. Mark your bike frame with your postcode.

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## Mobiles

If you make a call in public, keep an eye on who's around you.

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Register your phone with your network operator. This makes barring easier. Record your IMEI number (a unique ID code located on a strip normally found behind the battery of the handset).