



Take a Stand

Terms, conditions, considerations and advice

'Take a Stand' is a scheme run by Life Cycle UK in various local authorities which allows cycle parking to be provided to small scale organisations who otherwise are unlikely to be able to provide such parking.

The number of local authorities participating in the scheme varies.

1.0 Eligibility for the scheme

1. The stands must be installed within the boundaries of a participating local authority
2. We cannot normally give you free stands if their provision forms part of any planning application.
3. You may not be able to install cycle stands near a listed building or in a conservation area.
4. Stands should not be installed on the public highway
5. You should either be the owner of the land on which stands are installed, or have the permission of the owners.

2.0 How does the scheme work

We assess all applications with a couple of days of them coming in to us. We either approve them or reject them. If we approve them, we will arrange delivery, either by courier or ourselves.

We do NOT install stands. Installation is not difficult. Guidelines are provided below.

3.0 Installation deadline

We require the applicant to install stands within 3 months of the date of application.

If you have not installed them, you must either

- a. pay for them at as price of £100 per stand
- b. return them to us
- c. agree with us an alternative date for installation

Please note: we do not wish to penalise you, we want to work with you. It is far better that you contact us if you are having or anticipate difficulties installing stands.

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4.0 Monitoring

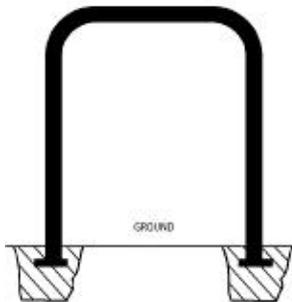
Applicants are required to email a photograph of the installed stands to us within 3 months of the date of application as evidence that the stands have been installed.

We also reserve the right to contact you to find out how the stands are being used and if they have led to an increase in cycling to and from your site.

5.0 Which stands should you use?

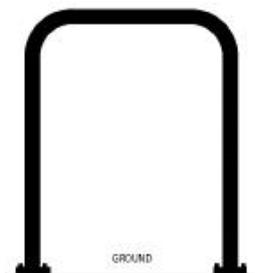
There are two basic types of stand. Both are relatively straightforward to install and can be done by a competent person such as a building caretaker or local builder.

Sink-in



These stands are suitable for all surfaces including tarmac, block paving, slabs or other, similar surfaces. Two holes are dug and the posts of the stand are concreted into position. This is the most popular type of stand.

Bolt-down



These stands are only suitable for smooth, solid **concrete** surfaces. You cannot bolt stands onto any other surface. The stands are fastened down using 12mm expansion bolts which will be supplied with your stands.

6.0 Installation Considerations

When siting bicycle parking it is crucial that you allow enough space. If bicycles are rammed next to each other or if the stands are too close to a wall, the parking will be awkward to access and as a result is unlikely to be used. Ensure that the stands is far enough away from walls and each other (see installation guidelines below) allow a bicycle to be locked on both sides; Also ensure there is adequate room for the wheel to stick out of the end without hitting an obstruction. Always ensure cycle parking is visible and preferable overlooked by windows etc. – hidden away parking is more likely to be targeted by thieves.

You should consider the following factors:

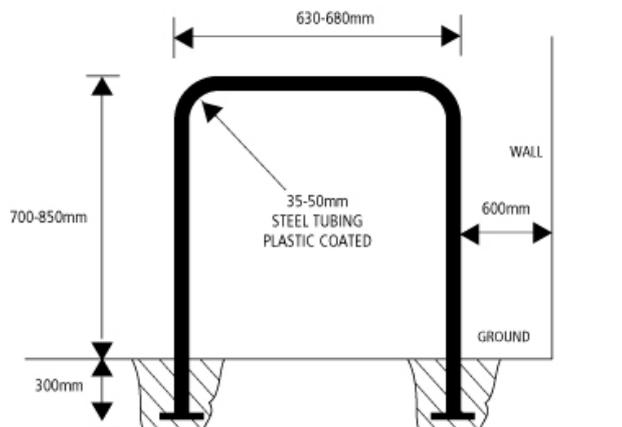
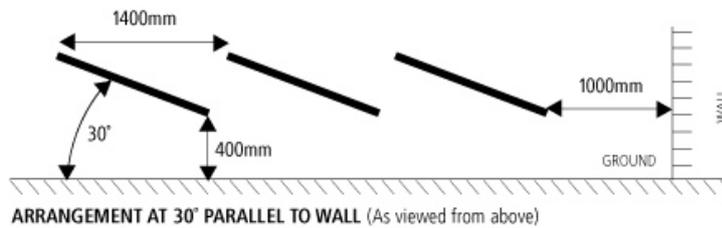
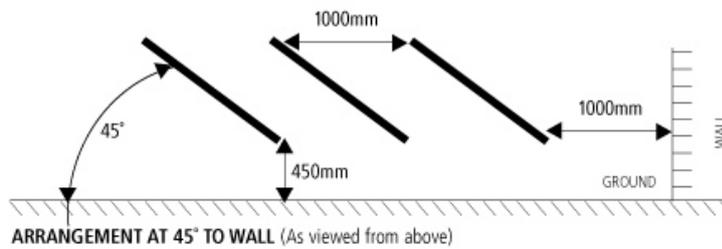
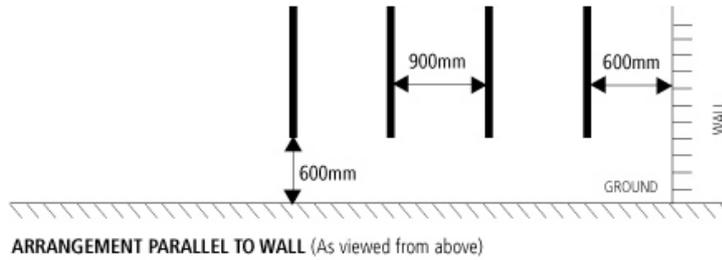
- **Visibility:** Cyclists should easily spot short-term parking when they arrive from the street. A highly visible location discourages theft and vandalism. Avoid locations "off on the side", "around the corner" or in un-supervised parking structures or garages.
- **Access:** The parking area should be convenient to building entrances and street access, but away from normal pedestrian and motor traffic (see below). Avoid locations that require bicycles to travel over stairs.
- **Security:** Surveillance is essential to reduce theft and vandalism. For security, locate parking within view of passers-by, retail activity, or office windows. Better yet: officially assign building security, parking lot attendant or other personnel to watch for suspicious behaviour.
- **Lighting:** Bicycle parking areas should be well lit for ease of access, theft protection, personal security and accident prevention.
- **Weather Protection:** Whenever possible protect bicycle parking area from weather. We recommend that you use an existing overhang or covered walkway. Alternatively, construct a canopy or roof -- either freestanding or attached to an existing building.
- **Avoid Conflict with Pedestrians:** Locate racks so that parked bicycles don't block the pedestrian path. Select a bike rack with no protruding bars that could trip or injure cyclists or pedestrians. Very low bar-type racks can be a hazards to pedestrians -- not recommended.
- **Avoid Conflict with vehicles:** Separate bicycle parking and vehicle parking and roads areas with space and a physical barrier. This prevents motor vehicles from damaging parked bicycles and keeps some thieves at a distance. Most professional bike thieves use vans or similar vehicles to hide their activities and make a get-away with their booty concealed. The closer bicycle parking is to automobile parking, alleys, roads, etc., the better the opportunity for a bike thief.

7.0 Listed buildings

We have been advised that if yours is a listed building, you may need consent, but only if the stands are to be installed on a surface which is listed i.e. a historic floor surface. Clearly, this won't be the case on grass, gravel or tarmac, but if you have doubts, you should contact the council to make sure.

8.0 Installation Guidelines

Please follow these instructions to install your bike stands correctly. If you have any questions or need technical advice please contact us.



If you have the bolt-down type of cycle stand they need to be secured with 12mm expansion bolts.