



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Securing Your Bicycle

Many people routinely pay upwards of a thousand dollars or more for a bike. Thieves know this and have figured out that stealing bikes and bike parts can be a lucrative business. College campuses are full of expensive bikes. To make matters worse, many students feel that the campus is a safe place and so do not take the needed precautions to secure their bike.

The combination of expensive bikes and a false sense of security makes a college campus one of the first places a bike thief comes "shopping." With a few precautions and some common sense, you can drastically decrease the chances of your bike being stolen.

If you own a bicycle, use a sturdy, good quality U-lock. A cable or chain lock is very vulnerable and easily defeated. The U-lock is sold in most bicycle stores. Most bicycles that are stolen at Pacific are bicycles that have been poorly secured with a poor quality lock and/or have been improperly secured.



Security Tips

Use a U-lock and follow these suggestions to keep your bicycle secure:

Always lock your bike. Even if you are only running inside a building for a minute. Lock your bike.

Thieves are watching and will take your bike if you leave it unlocked.

Always lock your bike at a provided bicycle rack. Do not use lamp posts, deck or stair railings, or other architectural features. Locking your bike to a rail may be a violation of the fire code and can endanger someone's life.

When locking your bicycle, lock both wheels and the frame to the bicycle rack.

Leave as little space as possible inside the U-Lock to minimize the space for thieves to insert their tools.

Attach your lock with the key mechanism facing the ground.

Lock components and accessories. Do not leave accessories that can be removed.

Take your bike seat with you.

Lock your bike in a well lighted area.

Don't lock your bike in the same area all the time. A thief may notice a pattern and target your bike.

Don't lock your bike only to itself, that is, only lock the front wheel to the frame. It is easily carried away.

Don't position your lock low to the ground. A thief can attack the lock easier and less obviously in that position.

Double check your lock before leaving your bike to make sure it's secured.

Register and Tag Your Bicycle

Public Safety has a free bicycle registration program available to students, faculty, and staff. To register your bicycle with us just bring your bicycle by and we will take care of the rest. Get a registration form from [Public Safety](#).

For an added security measure Public Safety offers Operation Identification. We will help you apply a personal identification number to your bike frame. This is another way law enforcement agencies can identify your bike. For more information, contact [Public Safety](#).