

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

PREVENT BICYCLE THEFT



Bikes are valuable, portable and easy to resell, making them attractive to thieves. By taking some precautions, you can lower the odds that you'll be the victim of a stolen bike.

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TIPS ON BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION



PROPERLY LOCK YOUR BICYCLE

- » Do not leave bikes locked outside overnight if it can be avoided.
- » When your bike is at home, store it in a secured area.
- » Secure your bike to a rack or solid object—both the wheels and frames.
- » Solid-steel U-Locks are recommended. These are difficult to cut when secured properly.
- » If you use a flexible lock, it should be at least 3/8" in diameter.

There is no locking method that is 100% foolproof. With time and tools, a thief can defeat your lock. Bikes left at racks overnight are particularly vulnerable. Bring your bicycle indoors or lock it in your garage whenever possible.



DOCUMENT YOUR BICYCLE

- » Take photos of your bike and write down the serial number.
- » Consider registering your bike online through national registries such as BikeIndex.org or Project529.com.



HOW TO REPORT A STOLEN BICYCLE

- » Report online at epolice.rentonwa.gov
- » If bike is valued over \$2000 and/or you have a serial number, call 911 or non-emergency at 425-235-2121.