

# Bicycle Theft Prevention

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## **Tip No. 1: Use a Solid Reliable Bike Lock – No chain locks**

Never forget to lock your bike, and choose a quality lock for your bicycle. This is always essential for helping to prevent bike theft on a college campus, at your home, or even riding around town. Never use a chain, or cable lock, for it's too easy to snip. A majority of bicycles stolen on college campuses used a chain or a cable lock.

Kryptonite locks and D-bars with tubular locks: Don't be fooled by them either. Most of them are easy to pick with little tools bike thieves usually use.

U-locks and D-locks are much tougher and harder to be picked. Use the lock on both front and back of your wheels. Bike thieves will give up if they need to take too much time and effort in unlocking a lock.

## **Tip No. 2: Take Your Bike Inside to Prevent a Bike Theft Crime**

Of course, this is obvious and effective – secure your bicycle simply by taking it inside. Of course, this only protects your bicycle while you are at home or at work, so you still need to make sure you are using a quality lock.

## **Tip No.3: Protect Your Bike with an Anti-Theft GPS Bike Tracker**

Bicycle theft tracking devices usually have a GPS chip built-in, and can be hidden in your bike handlebars. This is the perfect solution if your bicycle is stolen. The tracker provides a signal which allows the police to track the bicycle in real time. The police will be able to track your bike in real time and hopefully be able to recover it. Popular GPS bike trackers, such as Sherlock, and Spycycle, can be easily purchased at online stores.

## **Tip No. 4: Level Up Bike Theft Protection by Registration**

Bicycle theft protection by CODE-No allows you to register your bike at no cost.

CODE-No.com bike theft protection labels are reliable protectors for your bicycle. Fasten a label to your bike and then register it free on CODE.No.com to get a CODE number. Registered bikes can be easily identified.

You can also register your bike at <https://transportation.gmu.edu/bicycle-programs/registration/>