



# SECURITY & EMERGENCY SERVICES



## AWARENESS MESSAGE

### Bicycle Security

A piece of advice to prevent further theft of bicycles is by properly securing your bicycle and marking your bicycle for future identification



#### Securing your bicycle properly

The best way to protect your bike is to have a good lock and lock the bike where there are lots of people around or if available in view of a camera. You should always use a U-Lock to secure your frame, and a cable to protect your wheels, if desired.

When locking the bicycle to an object make sure the object is securely in the ground. Sometimes, sign posts aren't always secure and can be easily removed from the ground.

If you are wanting to protect the components on the bicycle, the best advice would be to remove them and take them with you or there is a range of special products that are used for the different items on the bicycle

#### The Sheldon Brown Lock Technique:

Lock your back wheel inside the rear triangle, this protects your wheel and the frame. It's nearly impossible to cut the rim of a wheel. Just make sure your lock is around the rim and through the triangle. Bonus hint: Front wheels are cheap, back wheels have special gears and cost about twice as much, so if you can only protect one wheel, make it the back one!



#### Marking your Bicycle

Engraving or marking property leaves no doubt as to ownership. It deters others from taking property because of the difficulties involved in "disposing" of identifiable property and helps Police to recover items which may have been stolen.

#### Personal Inventory

A detailed inventory should be kept of all items associated with your bicycle. You should record serial or identification numbers, makes, model, color, value and any other information which may assist with identification. Keep your inventory in a safe place when complete

#### Engraving your bike

Identify your bike by engraving it. This deters thieves and makes it difficult to dispose of.

Mark your property using an engraver, on your bicycle. Take care, especially with steel frames - a lacquer should be applied after engraving.

Keep a photograph of your bike in a safe place and take note of any other distinguishing features that are unique to your bicycle.

#### What Code to Use

Property identification involves marking your property with a personal code. An example would be to use the first initial of your first name, the first initial of your family name, date of birth, and the letter S which signifies SHAPE.

For example: John Doe, Date of birth 01-08-74 = JD010874S

#### How do I mark my Bicycle

You can mark your property by using an engraver or an ultra violet pen. Not all items are suitable for marking with either the UV pen or the engraver, however you should avoid affixing any type of sticker or label/plate which can be removed easily after theft.



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