

How To Keep Your Bicycle From Being Stolen & Other Safety Tips



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Lock Your Bicycle!

Most stolen bikes were not locked! The first step to take against theft of your bicycle is to lock it securely and correctly, even if it is inside a building. These additional precautions can keep your bicycle safer from theft as well:

- At home, keep your bicycle in a locked garage, basement or room. Never leave it in the yard or driveway.
- Lock your bicycle by placing a chain or cable through both wheels, the frame and around a stationary object. If you use a bicycle rack, place the chain or cable through one wheel and the frame.
- Use a quality lock and case-hardened chain or cable to lock your bicycle. The lock should have at minimum a 9/32-inch shackle, and the body and locking mechanism should be case-hardened. It should also have a double-locking mechanism with heel and toe locking.
- Contact your local law enforcement to find out if it has a bicycle registration program.
- Mark your bicycle with your parent's driver's license or identification number. This number serves as a deterrent to thieves and helps police identify and return a bicycle to its owner. Your local police may loan an engraving tool.
- Use the form in this brochure as a record describing your bicycle. Other records you or your family should keep are the sales receipt and a photograph of your bicycle.



Description of Your Bicycle

If your bike is stolen, call the police immediately and give your name, where and when the bike was stolen, and the description of it.

Serial Number _____

Owner's Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Boys Girls Size _____

Brand Name _____

Color _____

of Speeds _____

Fenders: Yes No

Owner's Signature _____

Registrar's Signature _____

Date _____ New Used



Safety Do's and Don'ts

Do's

1. Ride with traffic. Keep to the right of the road.
2. Obey all traffic regulations.
3. Use correct hand signals for turning and stopping.
4. Stop and look both ways to make sure sidewalks or streets are clear before entering.
5. Walk your bike across busy streets at corners or use the crosswalk.
6. Use proper headlights, a red tail light or reflector, and reflective clothing when riding at night.
7. Use a luggage carrier or basket for carrying large packages.
8. Wear a helmet.

Don'ts

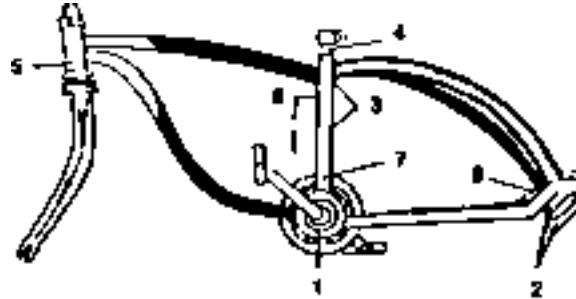
The following are dangerous:

1. Zigzagging, racing or stunt-riding in traffic.
2. Hitching rides on trucks or cars.
3. Riding double rather than in single file.
4. Riding against traffic.
5. Riding too closely to cars and trucks.
6. Carrying large packages that might get in your way.
7. Wearing dark clothing at night.

Accidents involving bicycles are increasing. Major streets are the most dangerous, and the peak traffic hours, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., are the most hazardous for cyclists. Avoid busy streets as much as possible.



Possible Locations of Serial Numbers



All Pro	2,5	Huffy	5
Armstrong	1,4	Italia.....	4
American Flyer ..	3	Inversion	8
Chiorda	1,4,8	J&B	8
C. Itoch.....	8	J.C. Penney	2,5
Columbia	2	Joannou	1,4
Dunelt	1,2	Kent.....	1
Eagle	2	Londoner	7
Elgin.....	1,2	Murray	1,2,3,5
Executive	8	Peerless	7
Firestone	1,2	Raleigh	2,4
Fleetwing	2	Roadmaster	1,2
Goodrich	1,2	Rollfast	2,3
Goodyear	2	Royce Union ...	1,2,4,5
Grant.....	2,5	Savoy	1,2
Hercules	1,3,7	Schwinn.....	1,2,3,5
Hiawatha	1,2,6	Sears	1,2,3,5
Higgins	1,2,6	Western Flyer ..	1,2,4

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