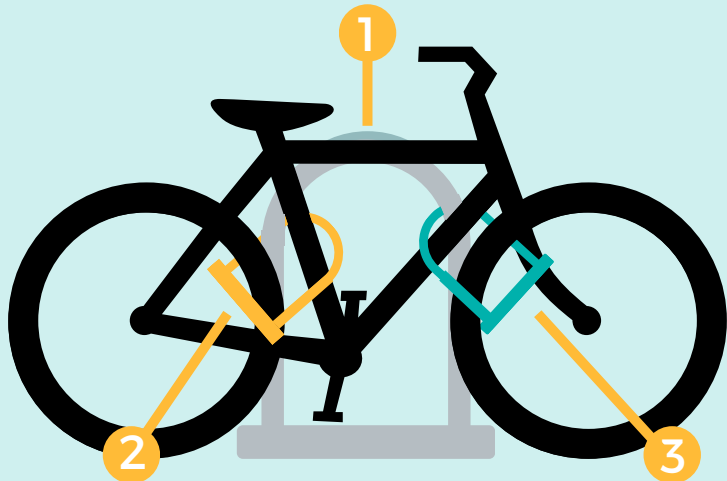


## Protect Your Investment

### How to Securely Lock Your Bike

Find a **secured bike rack or pole** to lock your bike on. Be sure to avoid locking your bike on things that can be easily ripped out of the ground.



Attached the U-lock to the rack **through the rear triangle of your bike and rim of the rear wheel.**

A second lock provides an **additional layer of security.**

### Never rely on a cable lock

Cable locks can be defeated easily in minutes with inexpensive tools. Over 40% of outdoor bicycle theft is a result of defeated cable locks. Never rely on a cable lock as your primary lock.



# LOCKING YOUR BIKE



# Preventing Bike Theft

To help protect your bike from theft, always securely lock it. Here's a detailed breakdown of practical tips to keep your bike safe.



## Prioritize Security with Locks

### Invest in a good lock

A high-quality lock is your first line of defense. Consider a U-lock or a strong chain lock.

### Double lock

Using two different types of locks (e.g., U-lock and a chain lock) makes it harder for thieves to steal your bike.

### Lock the frame and both wheels

Secure the frame and both wheels to a fixed object. This makes it harder for thieves to simply pick up and carry away your bike.

### Secure it as close to the stand as possible

This gives thieves little or no room to maneuver.



## Registration and Identification

### Register your bike

Registering your bike with a local bike registration program or online database helps identify your bike if stolen and assists police in finding it.

### Engrave your bike

Engrave your bike's frame with your name or a unique identifier to deter thieves and make it harder to resell.



## Know The Serial Number

You should know your bike's serial number. The serial number of your bike will be helpful information if your bike is stolen.

**Write it down or take a picture of it.**



## Parking and Storage

### Park in secure locations

Choose bike racks in well-lit, high-traffic areas where there are more people around.

### Don't leave your bike in the dark

If possible, bring your bike inside at night, or park it in a well-lit area.

### Take removable parts with you

If you're parking for an extended period, consider taking removable parts like the seat, lights, or wheels with you.



## Bike Insurance

### Consider bike insurance

Bike insurance can provide financial protection in case of theft or damage.



## Report Theft Immediately

### Report a missing or stolen bike

If your bike is stolen, contact the police and the bike registration program as soon as possible.