

LOCK IT... OR LOSE IT!

ARE YOU
MAKING YOUR BIKE
EASY TO STEAL?



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KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT STOLEN BIKES

Approximately 5 bicycles are reported stolen every month at San Jose State University.

Mountain Bikes are the most commonly reported bikes stolen.

About half of these bikes reported stolen were locked with either cable locks or chain locks.

Bikes locked with U-Locks are less likely to be stolen.

Bike thieves use bolt cutters capable of cutting cable locks and chain locks in a matter of seconds.

THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

- *Never leave your bike unlocked.*
- Register your bicycle with the National Bike Registry (<http://www.nationalbikeregistry.com>).
- Secure your bicycle with a high quality U-Lock.
- Lock your bicycle in a well-lit area where pedestrian traffic will discourage theft.
- Lock your bicycle only to a bike rack or similar immobile object. Make sure that the bike cannot be lifted over the object, such as over a parking meter. At SJSU, it is illegal to lock your bicycle to railings, fences, light poles, and trees.
- Secure your bicycle properly. In addition to the frame, secure the wheels and other parts, especially if they have quick-release mechanisms. ***Never lock your bicycle by the front or back wheel alone.***
- Consider taking removable accessories such as lights with you when you park.
- Do not leave your bike in a public area unattended for an extended period of time. Bike thieves may take away unsecured parts over time and render the bicycle unusable.
- Immediately report suspicious people loitering around parked bicycles.



YOUR BIKE'S SAFETY IS UP TO YOU!

POORLY SECURED

The bicycle (right) is not locked in a secure manner.

A Notice that the chain is locked to front tire only.

A thief can steal the bike by breaking either the chain or the pad-lock, or by removing the rest of the bicycle from the front tire.



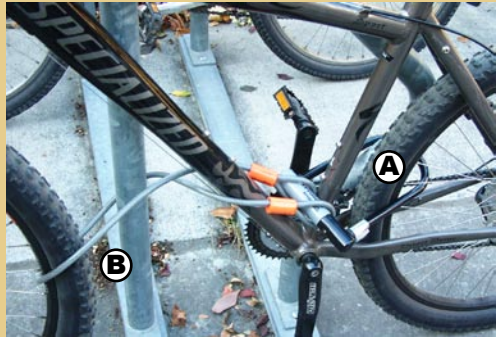
SECURELY LOCKED

The bicycle (right) is locked securely.

A Notice that the U-lock is locked to the bike frame, the rear wheel, and the rack post.

B Also notice that a cable is looped through both the front wheel and the U-lock.

The use of multiple U-locks or a combination of a U-lock with a cable or chain provides a greater deterrence to theft.



National Bike Registry (<http://www.nationalbikeregistry.com>) is one of several programs where a tamper-proof-label is placed on the frame of your bike. If your bicycle is ever stolen and later recovered by the police, the NBR label helps in returning the bicycle to you.

BICYCLE ENCLOSURES FOR SJSU STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES

For improved security, park your bike free in any one of the five Bicycle Enclosures located throughout the campus. An access key is required to use the enclosures.

To sign up for the key, stop by the Transportation Solutions Center located on the main floor of the Student Union. There is a \$10.00 refundable deposit for the access key.

Bicyclists using the enclosures should also follow the theft prevention tips.



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