

26 Bicycles Are Stolen Every Hour



Don't let yours be next.

*Source: FBI Uniform Crime Report 2007

Bicycle Security Guide

LOCK UP DO's & DON'Ts

- **DO** keep your bike locked at all times.
 - **DO** lock your bike in a well lit area.
 - **DO** lock your bike to an object that is securely bolted or cemented to the ground, and that has something affixed to the top to prevent thieves from lifting the bike or lock over the top of the object.
 - **DO** position your lock with key mechanism facing down.
 - **DO** create a snug fit with wheels and frame so that there is little room in the U-portion of the lock for thieves' tools.
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- **DON'T** lock your bike to itself, or to objects that can be easily cut.
 - **DON'T** lock your bike in the same area all the time.
 - **DON'T** position lock near the ground to prevent thieves from attempting to leverage or crush the lock.

OTHER HELPFUL TIPS

In high bike theft areas, such as urban areas and college campuses, two locks are better than one.

Identify/Mark your bike! Engraving, tape, paint and other means are very helpful ways to mark and personalize your bike. You can even place your name, address and telephone number in a plastic bag and stash it inside the seat post. Bike shops will discover it when servicing the bike and can check to ensure the bike is being used by its proper owner.

Take a picture or two. The photos will help you to identify/recover the bike if it is ever stolen.

Register your bike! Kryptonite recommends registering your bike with a local or national bike registration service such as the National Bicycle Registry.
(www.nationalbikeregistry.com)

Register the combination number or key number with the lock company. Kryptonite will provide your combination number and offers lifetime key registration and fast key replacement services. In most cases, the first two replacement keys will be free from Kryptonite. Visit www.kryptonitelock.com for details about the Key Safe or Combo Safe Programs.

Keep your original purchase receipts and any bicycle serial number(s) recorded in a safe place.

How To STAY SAFE

Always use a helmet!

Learn, use and obey traffic safety signals.

Ride with traffic, not against it.

If riding at dusk or at night, use reflectors and lighting systems.
Be visible!

Give pedestrians the right of way.

Ride defensively.
Watch for cars and car doors opening into your path.

Don't weave in and out of slow or stopped traffic.

Slow down and look out for oncoming and turning cars at all intersections.

Keep your bike well maintained with regular check ups and service visits to your local bicycle service center/shop.

When you are not riding your bike, keep it locked properly – every time – even at home.

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How To Choose Your Lock

When choosing a bicycle security product, ask yourself these questions...

How much is your bike worth to you, does it have great sentimental value?

Do you rely on your bike as your main method of transportation?

Where will your bike be stored when you are not riding it? At home? In/on your car? At school?

It is suggested that you spend 10% of the total cost of your bike on security.

When choosing a bicycle security product, consider these important things...

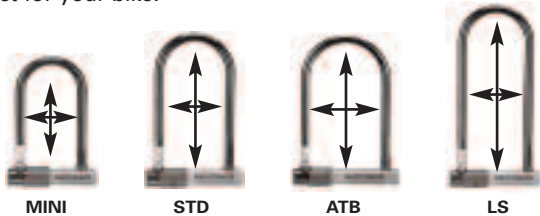
Design Features – Make sure that the design of the lock provides functional security. Gimmicks may look cool, but will they protect your bicycle?

A center keyway deters leverage attacks



Materials – The ideal steel is hardened against cutting yet maintains flexibility, like Kryptonite's MAX Performance Steel used in its New York Lock® and Evolution™ series locks.

Sizes – Do not buy a larger lock than you really need. Thieves will utilize the extra space between the lock and the bike to their advantage. Ask your bike dealer which size is best for your bike.



Services – Find out about the lock's past performance. Make sure it has a good track record, a warranty, an anti-theft protection offer, lifetime key registration, prompt key replacement services and friendly, effective customer service. Kryptonite offers each of these services. Ask your bike dealer about them.

How To Use Your Lock

In 3 easy steps

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Place your bike against a well-anchored object, like a pole or parking meter, with chain ring facing out.



2

Remove your front wheel and place it by your rear wheel.



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U-Lock: Place U-Lock shackle around the pole and through both seat stays (if frame size will allow) and the two wheels.



Cable: Wrap cable through both wheels, around frame, and around a pole or fixed object.



Always check the lock before leaving your bike to be sure it is properly secured.

For extra security, place the U-Lock shackle around the pole, your bike frame and through your rear wheel. Loop a cable around your front wheel, bike frame, and onto your U-Lock shackle.

