

# BIKE THEFT PREVENTION



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Reduce the risk of your bicycle being stolen and increase the likelihood of your stolen bicycle being returned to you by following these simple steps:

## REGISTER YOUR BIKE WITH THE CITY OF IRVINE

Register your bike online at [irvinepd.org](http://irvinepd.org), or bring your bike to the front desk of the Irvine Police Department.

### REGISTRATION IS FREE

## MAINTAIN YOUR PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

Catalog the following identifying factors of your bike:

- The serial number located on the frame, either under the crank, on a rear stay, on the seat, or head tube.
- Note the make, model, type, color, number of gears, and wheel size of your bike.
- Take pictures of your bike, including a picture of you with your bike.

## LOCK YOUR BIKE

- A good lock adds a layer of security. Thieves often go for the easiest target that will attract minimal attention in the process.
- Use a U-lock to secure your bike frame and wheel to a bike rack. Consider adding a cable to wrap both wheels for another layer of protection.
- Lock your bike to something solid in a visible place that cannot be easily broken, cut, or removed. Avoid chain-link fences and wooden railings.
- Always lock your bike when left unattended, even when your bike is in a secured garage or shed area.



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