

## LOCKING TIPS



NEVER rely on a cable lock as a primary means to secure your bike. They are easily defeated in seconds.

NEVER lock only the top tube. The thief may damage your bike trying to twist the lock apart, or can ride away if they defeat the rack.



NEVER lock only a wheel. Thieves will quickly remove it, attach a stolen wheel and ride away on your bike.

NEVER leave your bike locked up outdoors overnight. Any lock can be defeated with enough time and the right tools.

NEVER leave your bike unlocked in your garage, bike cage, balcony or on your car. About a quarter of stolen bikes are taken from these locations.

## FAST FACTS

Bike theft is a \$500 million annual epidemic in North America - a bike is stolen every 30 seconds.

Over 80% of cyclists have lost a bike to theft, or know someone who has.

10,000's of recovered bikes go to auction each year because the police cannot identify owners.

Stolen bikes are often used to commit secondary crimes like Theft From Auto and Break & Enters.

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60% of riders DO NOT LOCK their bike in their primary storage

## BIKE SECURITY



Simple steps to shield against bike theft.



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# REGISTRATION

Registering your bike is critical to ensure you have the information needed by law enforcement, insurance and the community to help recover a lost bike.

It takes only a few minutes and is easy to do.



Download the 529 Garage smartphone application, or visit [project529.com](http://project529.com) to record the important details of your bike and capture key photos.



The 529 Shield is a tamper-resistant decal with a unique code that lets thieves know that your bike is registered and aids law enforcement in recovery. Check our Shield & Gear page for the best place to find a 529 Shield near you:

Trouble or questions?  
E-mail: [support@project529.com](mailto:support@project529.com).

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ALWAYS use a high-quality lock designed for bicycles. Avoid inexpensive cable and chain locks.



ALWAYS lock a wheel and the frame to a secure bike parking structure. This disables the bike from being ridden and makes it difficult to attack with tools.



Add an accessory cable to your primary lock to prevent bike prowls. Attach it to your lock to secure the second wheel, helmet or saddle.

Need help choosing the right lock or help on how to use it properly? Your local bike shop can help.

# REPORTING

While 1,000's of stolen bikes are reported each year, even more go unreported. Better reporting means more returned bikes and helps law enforcement prioritize their efforts. Always report a missing bike with police.



If your bike goes missing, simply select the bike from your garage and tap missing bike alert. After a few questions, we will alert the 529 network & social media.

Next, make sure to file an official police report. This publishes all details across different police systems. It will also be required to get your recovered bike back.

Watch for your bike on online sites like craigslist, Kijiji and eBay - especially in neighboring communities. Criminals will often misspell or misrepresent the details and may wait for a few weeks before listing it.

If you find your bike online, contact the police immediately and work with them to assemble a plan. NEVER attempt to recover a stolen bike

Every 30 seconds a bicycle is stolen in North America.

60% of cyclists DO NOT lock their bicycles when parked at home.

Only 1-in-5 stolen bikes are reported to law enforcement.