

Preventing Bicycle Theft

General Information

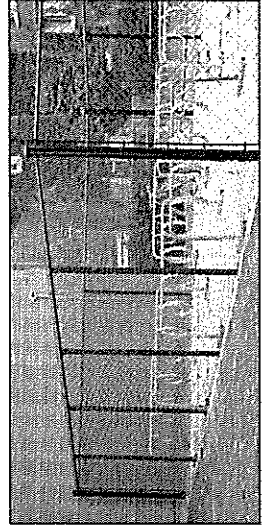
- ◆ Think before you lock up your bike. Be mindful of how and where you secure your bicycle. Theft of bikes occur in variety of ways beyond a lock being cut. Bicycles have been stolen from garages. Thieves have pulled out street signs from soft ground, cut down small trees, smashed railings to steal bicycles.
- ◆ Always record the serial number of your bike. Take a picture of yourself with your bike or put special markings/symbol identifiable to you. This can help prove ownership of the bike and will give a more accurate profile of your bike.

- ◆ File your bicycle information (consider bikeregistrycanada.com).

- ◆ Report activity/behavior that is suspicious when it happens. If you have your suspicions —**call police (613)-549-2111**— and let the police investigate the circumstances. *If your bicycle was being stolen, would you want someone to call police?*

Facts

- ◆ The popular cycling season is generally 7-8 months of the year and not all thefts are reported to police.
- ◆ In 2007 there were 16,360 bicycles reported stolen in Ontario. This was Canada's highest number of thefts for any one province.



Locking.

Techniques & Tips

- ◆ Have your bike stored in a secured and well lit area.
- ◆ Invest in a proper lock. While it cannot guarantee your bike isn't stolen, it can play a large role in theft prevention.
- ◆ Secure lock through both tires and bike, so that it is impossible to ride or remove major bicycle parts.
- ◆ Keep your bike indoors if you can.
- ◆ Never leave your bike unattended, a bike can be stolen in less than 30 seconds.
- ◆ Use objects that are fixed to the ground or wall that will prove difficult to remove.

These practices will likely lower the risk of your bicycle being stolen.

How to Report Thefts

Police

Phone: (613) 549-4660 ext. 0
(front desk reception)

Web: www.kpf.ca/start-report.html

Students

In addition to reporting to police, post secondary students should notify their school security department.

St. Lawrence College

Security: (613) 544-5400
ext.5555

In Person: Security desk, main lobby.

Queen's University

Security: (613) 533-6733

In Person: 202 Fleming Hall,

Useful Links

- ◆ www.bikeregistrycanada.com
- ◆ www.kpf.ca/biketheft.php

Bicycle Information

Make:

Model:

Style (ie. mountain):

Speed:

Colour(s):

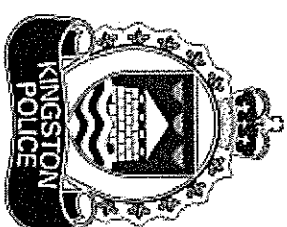
Serial Number:

Special Markings (ie. tape/initials):

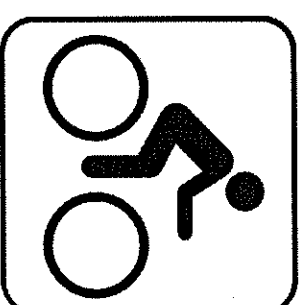
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Kingston Police Community Services
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Kingston Police



Bike Theft Prevention



**Protect your Bike,
Protect your Community!**

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