

# Preventing Bicycle Theft

## General Information

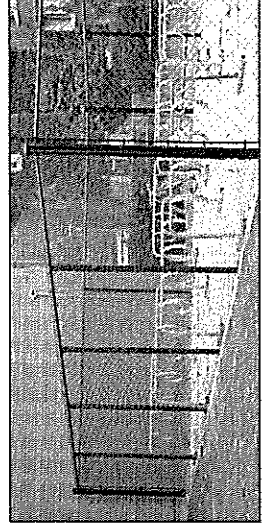
- ◆ Think before you lock up your bike. Be mindful of how and where you secure your bicycle. Theft of bikes occur in variety of ways beyond a lock being cut. Bicycles have been stolen from garages. Thieves have pulled out street signs from soft ground, cut down small trees, smashed railings to steal 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](http://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](http://www.bikeregistrycanada.com)
- ◆ [www.kpf.ca/biketheft.php](http://www.kpf.ca/biketheft.php)

## Bicycle Information

**Make:**

**Model:**

**Style (ie. mountain):**

**Speed:**

**Colour(s):**

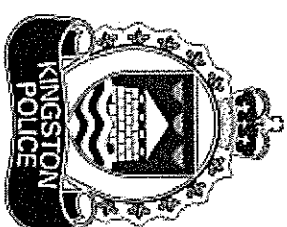
**Serial Number:**

**Special Markings (ie. tape/initials):**

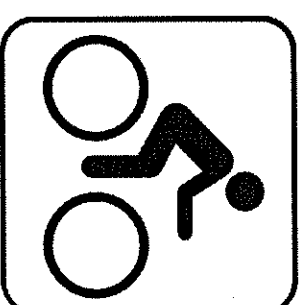
**To Order More Pamphlets:**

Kingston Police Community Services  
Phone: (613) 549-4660  
Admin Fax: (613) 549-3111  
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## Kingston Police



# Bike Theft Prevention



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

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