

**REMEMBER: ALWAYS WEAR
A SAFETY HELMET WHEN
RIDING.
WHY TAKE THE CHANCE?**



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.

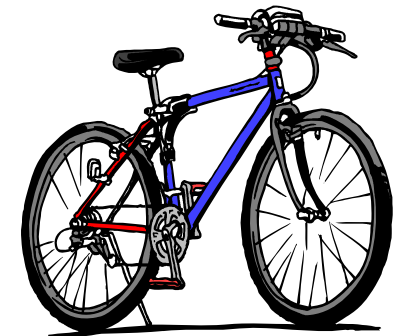


**For More Information on
Prevention Contact:

Biola University
Department of Campus Safety**

**13800 Biola Ave.
La Mirada, CA 90639
(562) 903-4877**

Bicycle Theft & Safety



LOCKING YOUR BIKE



A bicycle worth riding is worth keeping. You can protect your bike from theft and discourage a thief with the proper precautions.

1. Always lock your bicycle

Many bicycles are not even locked when they are stolen. Often the owner had a bicycle lock but didn't use it, thinking, "I'll only be gone for a moment." Remember, it takes only a moment to steal an unlocked bicycle. Always secure your bicycle, even in protected areas like dorm rooms and backyards.

2. Use a high security lock

The most common tools used by the bike thief are bolt cutters and cable cutters. These scissor-like tools are powerful enough to cut through chains, cables, or padlocks up to 3/8" thick. Fortunately there are new types of locks, shaped like huge padlocks designed to stop the tools used by thieves. The most popular of these the U-shaped lock, uses a tough, 1/2" thru-hardened alloy to prevent cutting, sawing, or smashing. An added feature of these locks is a warranty the lock companies offer, that guarantees the owner against theft up to a specified bike value. A hardened chain or cable at least 7/16" thick with the same size padlock can provide a degree of security for an inexpensive bike used in a low crime area. An expensive bike, however, needs the protection of a high security lock, regardless of where it is parked. As a general rule, you should always consider the value of your bike before purchasing any type of lock.

3. Lock your bicycle properly

A bicycle is light enough to be carried away if it's not locked to something immovable. Be sure to use your lock to secure at least your back wheel and frame tube to a bike rack or similar immobile object. Never lock your bicycle by the front or back wheel alone. "Quick release" mechanisms found on many of today's bikes allow the wheels and seats to be removed in a matter of seconds. Also lock your bicycle in a well-lit area where pedestrian traffic will discourage theft.

4. Register your bike

The Campus Safety Department requires bicycle registration for students and employees. The registration process is quick, easy and free of charge. Just come by the Campus Safety Office Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. A Biola University bike permit number will be placed on your bike and a registration form completed. It's that simple.

SAFETY

While riding your bicycle, remember these rules of the road to help prevent serious injuries to you and pedestrian.



- Keep to the right side of the roadway and ride in single file. Pass other cyclists with caution.

- Do not ride your bicycle on any pedestrian walkway on campus. Violators may be cited.
- Obey all traffic laws and use hand signals.



- Ride cautiously through parking areas and congested intersections.



- For night riding, equip your bike with front and rear lights, use reflectors and wear light colored clothing.
- Use caution when passing parked cars because doors can be opened without warning.
- Watch out for potholes, rocks, glass, and other road hazards.