



TIPS FOR COMMUTERS

BIKE SECURITY

Visibility

- Lock your bike in a highly visible area close to pedestrian traffic
- Streetlights provide additional security at night
- Avoid locking your bike behind large objects that obscure visibility

Securing your bike

- Lock your frame, wheels, seatpost and anything else easily removed
- Seat/seatpost locks are one-time installations and are available at your local bike shop
- Lock your bike to a large metal immovable object

U-locks

- Rigid and U shaped with a cylindrical lock core that is impossible to pick
- Made of heavy tempered steel that is very hard to break
- Most secure, most expensive, hardest to use locks; considered the standard in cities

Cable locks

- Great for short time periods where your bike is highly visible and a low chance of theft
- Manufacturers are combining security of U locks with ease of use of cable locks
- Smaller, lighter, less expensive, easier to use but less secure than a U lock

Carrying a lock

- Most locks come with a mount for your bike to keep the lock out of the way
- Backpacks, panniers or any other bag is a quick, easy place to stow a lock
- Be sure that the lock does not interfere with safe operation of the bike

Time factor

- Short periods away from your bike require a less secure lock; try a cable lock
- The longer you will be away from your bike, the more secure it should be
- Use the combination of a U lock and a cable lock for overnight parking

Extras

- Register your bike with a local and/or national registration service
- Register your key numbers with the company that made your lock
- Mark your bike in an identifiable way to aid in its recovery if stolen

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