



Bicycle Theft Prevention and Cyclist Safety Tips

Cycling is a popular, healthy and fun activity for people of all ages. For many it is also their main chosen form of transportation. Bicycles like cars, are subject to theft.

Bicycle thieves will often take a bicycle to merely provide a quick and convenient ride from point A to point B. The theft of your bicycle can be greatly reduced if you recognize and address the need for adequate security. Please see the reverse for our recommended bicycle theft prevention and cyclist safety tips.



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BICYCLE THEFT DETERRENT TIPS

- ✓ Use a good quality lock such as a hardened steel 'U' shaped lock or a hardened steel chain and padlock – Weak, inexpensive locks will not deter a determined thief.
- ✓ Lock your bicycle including the wheels to an immovable object which cannot be easily cut or broken.
- ✓ Avoid placing your lock near any hard surfaces such as pavement or concrete.
- ✓ If possible remove any quick release components to take with you, such as the seat.
- ✓ Store your bicycle indoors when not in use, such as inside your locked garage.
- ✓ Identify your bicycle – most manufacturers mark bicycles with a serial number (Generally stamped on the bottom under the crank shaft). If yours does not have one, engrave an identifying number on the frame. You can use your driver licence number or another unique identifier like the Trace Pen (see www.traceidentified.com) You may wish to put the same identifier on the wheels and other components as well.
- ✓ Register your bicycle with Peel Regional Police and use our registration decal – this will greatly assist in bicycle recovery if lost or stolen and the decal will act as a visual theft deterrent. Registration is available online only at www.peelpolice.ca

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CYCLIST SAFETY TIPS

Please remember that cyclists are bound by the same rules and regulations as drivers of motor vehicles under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act:

- ✓ Bike on the right hand side of the road with the flow of traffic.
- ✓ Use hand signals to warn motorists of your movements.
- ✓ Be visible – wear bright, preferably reflective clothing.
- ✓ Ride single file if in a group.

For more cyclist safety tips visit www.peelpolice.ca/RoadSafety and the Region of Peel's Walk and Roll website at www.walkandrollpeel.ca

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