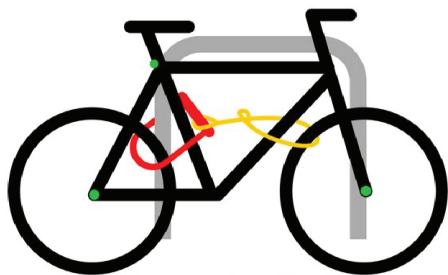


How to Prevent Most Bike Thefts

*Most bike thefts are crimes of opportunity.
Unlocked (or poorly locked) bikes are easy targets.*

Lock It Every Time You Leave It

- Cable locks can be cut quickly. Buy a high-quality U-lock and practice using it.
- If possible, lock through the frame and wheel. If not, lock through the frame.
- Lock to a secure bike rack, not a fence which could be cut easily.
- Lock it even if you're leaving it in a bike cage that will be locked during the day.



For added security (high schools, Caltrain):

- U-lock through frame and back wheel.
- Cable lock through U-lock and front wheel.

Locking skewers can replace quick releases on wheels. They are particularly useful at racks where you can only lock the wheel.

Never Leave It Overnight

- Even a locked bike is at risk of being stolen when left in a public space overnight.

Register It with Bike Index

- Find your serial number (usually stamped into the metal of the bottom bracket on the underside of the bike) and take a picture of your bike.
- Register it online **for free** with **BikeIndex.org** and join the **City of Palo Alto group**.
- If it ever goes missing, log in to your account and mark it stolen.



Bottom Bracket
(Most serial numbers can be found here.)