

Lock it— Don't Lose it!

Bicycle Locking Strategies to Prevent Theft



While no lock can offer 100% security, employ a locking strategy that has “layers of security” which make your bike less convenient to target.



Use a quality U-Lock to secure the frame and wheel rim to the rack.

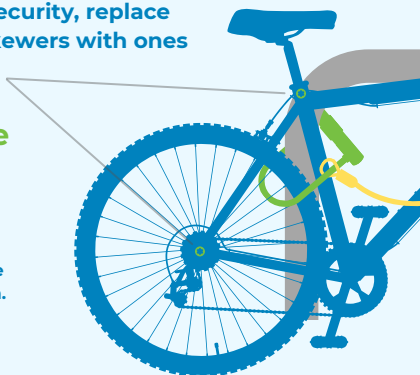


Secure the cable through the U-Lock and around the front wheel.

For additional security, replace quick release skewers with ones that lock.

Join and Save

Members of Bike East Bay receive discounts on bike locks and accessories at over 70 local shops! Learn more at BikeEastBay.org/join.



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Register Your Bike

We are partnering with the online service Bike Index to offer bicycle registrations for free. Visit BikeEastBay.org/register



BIKE LINK

Know where to lock

Use BikeLink lockers and rooms at BART stations for just 5 cents per hour, especially when leaving your bike overnight. Order a keycard at BikeLink.org or call (888) 540 0546.

Sometimes, despite our best efforts, a thief still makes off with a bike. Here are some tips on recovering your bike:



1. **File a police report.** Stolen bicycles are recovered often, but without documentation they can't be returned to their owners. Reports also help cities to better know how to allocate resources and where to install secure bike parking facilities.
2. **Visit local flea markets** to look for your bike right away**
3. Scan local **Craigslist and eBay** listings for your bike, using Google alerts or another automated search tool. This can yield results even months after the theft.

****If you find your bike we do not recommend confronting the seller yourself. Instead, ask the flea market security or police for assistance, and bring a photo of your bike or your online registration as proof of ownership to reclaim your property. The seller may not be the person who stole your bike originally, but they still have no claim to the property and do not require compensation.**



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