LOCK YOUR BIKE OR LOSE IT!

Hundreds of bikes are reported stolen at UW-Madison each year, but most thefts can be prevented. Here’s how:

- Always lock your bike, even if you are leaving it for just a minute.
- Always lock your bike to a bike rack.
- Lock your bike in a highly visible, well-lit location if possible.
- Buy a high-quality lock and read the manufacturer’s recommendations for use. U-shape locks are among the most theft-resistant, although knowledgeable thieves can break even them.
- Never lock your bike up by just the front wheel. You may return to find only your wheel.
- Ideally your lock should pass through the rack, front wheel, rear wheel, and center of frame. At the very least, pass your lock through the front wheel, frame, and rack.
- Quick-release wheels and seats need to be secured with a cable or other device. Remove any expensive accessories, such as bag or lights, and take them with you.
- Register your bike. This is the best way to assure your bike is returned to you if it is stolen. You can register your bike:
  - In person at the Transportation Services offices, either at the WARF Building (West Side of campus) or at the Welcome Center at 21 North Park Street.
  - Online at http://www.madisonpay.com
  - Via mail in form printable from http://www.transportation.wisc.edu/files/BikeMailInForm.pdf
- Use a less valuable bike for riding to class or commuting to work. Statistics show that most bikes stolen on campus are worth $200 or more.
- If your bike is stolen, report it to the police promptly. You will need to know the make, model name, serial number and value of your bike. Contact the UW Police Department at 262-2957.
- If you prefer greater security, consider renting a bike locker or a bike cage. Lockers and cages are available at a number of locations around campus.

For more information visit www.transportation.wisc.edu!