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ANTI-BIKE THEFT TIPS



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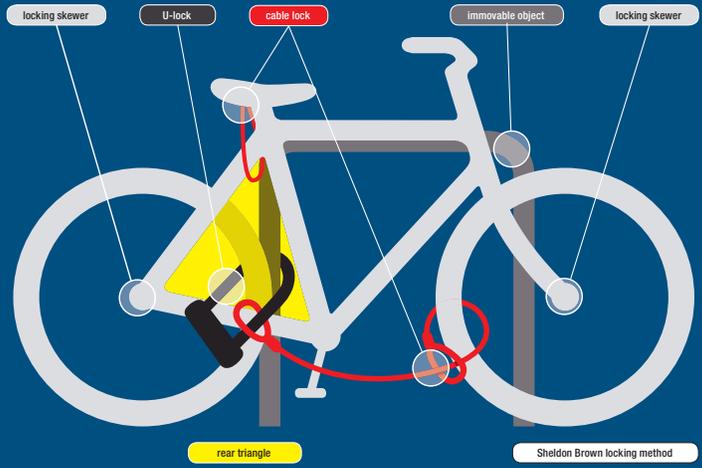
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SAFE BIKES and the SFPD recommend the Sheldon Brown Locking Method.

No locking method is 100% foolproof, but this method is highly effective.

GUIDE FOR LOCKING YOUR BIKE:

- Use the **smallest U-lock** that works for your bike to minimize the amount of space available for a thief to insert a jack or levers.
- Use a **hardened steel U-Lock** to secure back wheel inside the rear triangle of the bicycle frame.
- Check** to make sure U-lock is secured to an immovable metal object.
- Secure front wheel with cable or second U-lock.** Loop cable around the down tube of the bicycle or secure second U-lock to front wheel and down tube.
- Replace quick release skewers and nutted wheels with keyed locking skewers and nuts** to ensure wheels and saddles are locked to the bike frame at all times.
- Check with local bike shop** for proper installation of locking skewers and advice.



YOU JUST BOUGHT A NEW BICYCLE— NOW WHAT?

FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- Register and upload receipt and photos of your bicycle at safebikes.org.
- Buy a hardened steel U-lock and a secondary lock such as a chain or cable (See locking tools list).
- Replace quick release skewers and nutted wheels with uniquely keyed locking skewers and nuts, which keep wheels and saddles locked to the bike frame at all times.
- Lock your bicycle in your garage the same way you would on the street.
- Take an urban bicycling workshop with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition to learn safe riding practices. Go to sfbike.org for more information.
- Speak with your local bicycle shop for more help and advice.



TOOLS TO LOCK YOUR BICYCLE

There are many different types of locks for bicycles and many incorrect ways of using them. No locking method is 100% effective.

For best security use a hardened steel U-lock, chain and locking skewers.

- U-lock**
 - Very good deterrent
 - Use the smallest U-lock that works for your bike to minimize the amount of space available for thief to insert a jack or levers
- Chain**
 - Hardened alloy steel with thickness of at least 3/8" thick and heaviest is best
- Locking Skewers**
 - Very good deterrent
 - Replace all quick release parts
 - Check local bike shops for proper installation
- Cable**
 - Recommended for secondary locking device
 - Good security for movable parts

Bike Theft Prevention Resources can be found at safebikes.org. Check it out for important safety information, upcoming events and tools!

PREVENTING BICYCLE THEFT IN GARAGES

Garages and multi-unit apartment buildings with common garage are one of the most vulnerable places for bicycles. Thieves are waiting for the perfect opportunity.

Secure your bicycle in the garage the same way you would on the street!

- Secure to an immovable object or an anchor system.
- Never lock your bike near a window or door.
- Always watch your garage door and make sure it closes completely so unwanted visitors do not enter.
- Contact SAFE at 415-553-1984 or info@sfsafe.org for a residential security survey.

YOUR BICYCLE GETS STOLEN— NOW WHAT?

- File a police report through sf-police.org or visit your local police district station.
- Notify **SAFE BIKES** at info@safebikes.org or call 415-553-1968.
- Provide pictures and serial numbers for bicycle with the police report and any identifying marks.
- If you don't have a serial number or pictures, track down your serial number from the point of purchase and/or use stock photos and send them to the investigator immediately.
- File an insurance claim.

INTERNET INVESTIGATIONS

- Post pictures of stolen bicycle to Craigslist, set up a [Google alert](http://Google), and use IFTTT.com.
- If bicycle is found, contact the SFPD investigator. **DO NOT** arrange a meeting and attempt to get your bicycle back.
- Check racklove.com and stolenbikeregistry.com to find your bicycle.
- Follow [@SFPDBikeTheft](https://twitter.com/SFPDBikeTheft) on Twitter for updates on bike theft-related information.

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