Bicycle Security

Tens of thousands of bicycles are stolen each year, with almost half taken from around the home. Other popular locations for thefts include educational facilities and public transport areas. Most stolen bikes (80%), are unsecured when left unattended.

An unlocked bike is an invitation for a thief to take it.

To reduce the risk of your bike being stolen, you should:

- Always lock your bike, even at home (e.g. in the garage) and even if you are leaving it for a very short time.
- Lock it to a fixed, immovable object like a parking meter or permanent bike rack.
- Lock in a visible and well-lit area or if possible in a secure bike cage.
- Use a combination good quality D-lock and locking cable for optimal deterrence.
- Secure components and accessories, especially quick-release components such as wheels, with a secondary cable lock.
- Be able to identify your bike. Less than 10% of bikes reported stolen are recovered. Bikes can be returned to their owners if engraved with your license number (with initial V for Victoria before it) on the bike, usually underneath the bottom bracket where the pedals rotate on the frame.
- Ensure your bike is insured

Recommended method for locking your bike.

Locking without wheel removal

Locking with removing front wheel