

# **BIKE THEFT PREVENTION**

Every year we recover many, many bikes and unfortunately, we cannot find the owners of most. Our goal is to reduce the number of stolen bikes, and return those that have been recovered. YOU can help by doing a few simple steps:

1. Lock your bike. Locks come in many styles, materials, and prices. While a good lock is best, any lock is better than none.
2. Lock garages where bikes are kept
3. Document the serial numbers of your bikes

## **DO YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE SERIAL NUMBER ON YOUR BIKE?**

There are a few possibilities of where your bicycle serial number may be located, depending upon the brand of bicycle that you own. Here are a few examples of where you might look.



1. ACROSS THE TOP BAR
2. ON THE SEAT POST MAST
3. ON THE LOWER BAR
4. ON THE HANGER CRANK NEAR THE SPROCKET
5. ON ONE OF THE REAR FORKS (Left or Right)
6. ON ONE OF THE REAR STAYS (Left or Right)

Remember, most crimes are crimes of opportunity! Take as much opportunity away from the criminal to help prevent becoming a victim. The police need and appreciate the help of the community so ALWAYS call 911 immediately if you see suspicious person(s) or activity.

**YOU MUST HAVE THE SERIAL NUMBER or we cannot determine if it has been recovered.**



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