

PREVENTION TIPS

- **Only park in well-lit areas.**
- **Bring your bike inside at night.**
While it may be a hassle to lug it up a flight of stairs, many bikes are stolen overnight because there are fewer eyes and ears around to deter thieves.
- **Always lock up your bike – even inside your garage.**
And make sure it's locked to a fixed point.
- **Lock wheels and your saddle.**
Remember to secure any parts of your bike that can be removed. Quick releases and hex bolts make it easy for thieves to snatch these components.
- **Never lock your bike to a tree.**
Any tree that's small enough to fit a U or D-lock is small enough for thieves to cut through it quickly. It can also damage to the tree.
- **Keep an information file.**
Include receipts, serial numbers, and photos of your bike.
- **Register your bike.**
Use a national database like *bikeregister.com* or *reportit.leadsonline.com* so your bike can be returned to you if it's ever stolen and recovered.
- **Consider investing in a GPS tracking device for your bike.**
Some suggested brands include *Helios Handlebar*, *Spot Trace*, and *BikeTrax*.

BIKE THEFT

Prevention Strategies and Resources



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REPORT A THEFT



Call **911** when a crime is in progress or you need an immediate officer response.



Call **651-291-1111** to request an SPPD response in a non-emergency situation.



File an **online police report** by scanning the **QR code** or visiting **stpaul.gov/police**.

IMPORTANCE OF LOCKS

- **Use multiple locks.**
Two or three locks are better than one. The more difficult you make it, the less likely a thief will want to hassle with it.
- **Use high-quality security locks.**
Look for a lock with a gold "sold secure" rating, especially if you're planning to leave your bike out in public for any significant amount of time. Be wary of cable locks, which can easily be compromised with wire cutters. They might be adequate to deter passing thieves but are ineffective against seasoned criminals.

SOLD SECURE RATING	PROTECTION LEVEL	🕒	🔪
 DIAMOND	 ULTIMATE SECURITY	5 Minutes	Much higher tool list including largest Bolt croppers, machine based crop test, Drill with HSS bits etc.
 GOLD	 MAXIMUM SECURITY	5 Minutes	Higher tool list inc. TCT hacksaw, larger croppers, larger crowbars, lump hammer etc.
 SILVER	 HIGH SECURITY	3 Minutes	Enhanced tool list including small bolt croppers, large hacksaw (HSS), stillsons, crowbar etc.
 BRONZE	 MEDIUM SECURITY	1 Minute	Basic tools that can be easily concealed about the person, i.e. screwdriver, small hammer, junior hacksaw etc.