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Lock Your Bicycle!

Most stolen bikes were not locked! The first step to take against theft of your bicycle is to lock it securely and correctly, even if it is inside a building. These additional precautions can keep your bicycle safer from theft as well:

At home or at your apartment, (check your lease) keep your bicycle in a locked garage, basement or room. Never leave it outside unsecured.

Lock your bicycle by placing a chain or cable through both wheels, the frame and around a stationary object. If you use a bicycle rack, place the chain or cable through one wheel and the frame.

Use a quality lock and casehardened chain or cable to lock your bicycle. The lock should have at minimum a 9 1/32-inch shackle, and the body and locking mechanism should be casehardened. It should also have a double locking mechanism with heel and toe locking.

Contact your local law enforcement to find out if it has a bicycle registration program.

Mark your bicycle with your parent's driver's license or identification number. This number serves as a deterrent to thieves and helps police identify and return a bicycle to its owner. The campus police may loan be able to loan you an engraving tool.

**The West Virginia University Police Department
Bicycle registration form is available at**

http://police.wvu.edu/safety_on_campus/bicycle_safety_and_security

Use the registration form as a record describing your bicycle. Other records you or your family should keep are the sales receipt and a photograph of your bicycle.

