

BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION

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- Purchase a high quality lock or chain. A combination lock is preferable. Some inexpensive locks can be opened with a hollowed pen.
- Use multiple locks or different types of locks.
- Try not to leave your bike at the same location every day.
- Use a GPS tracker on your bike.
- Inscribe/etch your name on your bicycle (borrow an engraver from your **Community Police Officer**).
- Take note of your bike's serial number.
- Take a photo of your bike, serial number and inscribed name.
- Register your bike with 529 Garage (project529.com)
- Attach one bike to another belonging to a friend or family member.
- Do not leave a bike unattended & unlocked even for the shortest amount of time.
- Watch out for the scrap metal collectors. They have been known to pick up unattended bicycles!
- **Report to Police** if you see someone unfamiliar to you riding a bike while carrying a tire or supporting a 2nd bike.
- Inform your neighbours & **Neighbourhood Watch** members if your bike has been stolen or damaged.
- Leave your front/back porch lights on from dusk to dawn.
- Store your bike away from street view, preferably in a garage or shed (and lock both).
- Lock both the wheels and the frame to make it immovable.

- Lock your bike to your vehicle's bike rack when traveling.



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- Lock your bike to an immovable object.
- If you return to your locked bike in a public place and find it has a punctured or damaged tire, remove the bike immediately. A would-be thief may have damaged it with the intent to return after dark to claim it.
- **Report to Police** any bike theft or damage due to an attempted theft. Statistics from reported crimes identify patterns so **Ottawa Police Service** can better direct police resources. To file a report, visit ottawapolice.ca or call **613-236-1222, ext 7300**.