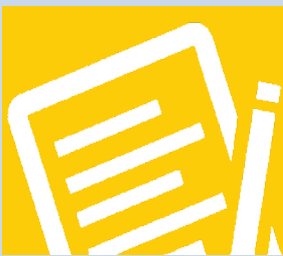




HELP PREVENT BIKE THEFT!

Your Bike, Your Investment



- Register your bike
 - A variety of online options exist for bike owners to register, as well as our local college campuses if you are affiliated with the university as faculty/staff/students



- Take detailed pictures of your bike
- Document your serial number!!
- Add your bike to an insurance policy



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- Get a U-Lock - cables are easy to cut



- Lock your bike when not in use
 - Attach the lock to a solid part of the frame
 - If possible, utilize secure bike racks, storage locations, etc.
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- Report any stolen bike to law enforcement in a timely manner
 - Use social media to post the theft and any pictures you may have of the bike
 - Spot your stolen bike later? Don't try to recover it yourself; immediately call law enforcement

BIKE THEFT: BY THE NUMBERS



- 2 million+ bikes stolen in North America each year
- Every 30 seconds a bike is stolen
- Bike theft costs communities over \$1 billion annually
- Only approximately 1 % of stolen bikes are recovered in Colorado Springs; national average is 5%
- Less than 20% of bike owners have recorded the serial number on their bike
- Only 1% of recovered stolen bikes were actually registered
- 1/2 of stolen bikes relied only on easily defeated cable locks
- Only 1 in 5 stolen bikes are reported to police
- 7% of victims quit cycling; 25% ride less after the crime

- 2020 saw an increase in bike thefts
- In Colorado Springs, NO specific makes/models are being targeted
- Seasonal trends in bike thefts expected to continue (higher in summertime)
- When stolen, thieves quickly remove owner installed “unique” items from bike to prevent identification

If your bike is stolen, quickly report it:

- 911 (active theft in-progress)
- 719-444-7000 (crime has already been committed, limited suspect information)
- On-line (no suspect information)
<https://coloradosprings.gov/police-department/page/report-crime-online>
- After reporting the theft, if you have additional information to add (Serial Number, etc.), please file a Supplemental Report via 719-444-7000, referencing your original Theft Report Case Number

CSPD Crime Prevention

Falcon (Northwest) 444-7246 Sand Creek (Southeast) 444-7276
Gold Hill (Southwest) 385-2117 Stetson Hills (Northeast) 444-3168

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