

## Double Lock Your Bike Like This Using a Bike Rack



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## Keep these tips in mind when locking your bike:

- \* Whenever possible, lock your bike in an area that is heavily traveled.
- \* If you have a quick release front wheel, remove the wheel and lock it to the rack with a u-lock through the frame and rear wheel.
- \* Avoid locking your bike in the same place every day. This will make it difficult for thieves to find your bike if you are targeted for theft.
- \* Don't leave your bike locked in one place during periods of non-use. A bike that has not been moved for several days or weeks may be a good target for theft.
- \* Be observant around bike racks, even if your bike is not locked there. Watch for someone "checking out" bikes. Most people will walk directly to their bike. A person going bike to bike may be looking for an easy target. If you see someone acting suspiciously around the bike racks on campus, call Campus Safety.

## How can you reduce the risk of your bike being stolen?

Use a bicycle that thieves don't like.

Statistics show that the average cost of most stolen bikes is over \$200. Mountain bikes in the \$350 and up price range are likely targets. Try to have the least valuable bike that will meet your needs. If you are a serious bicycle enthusiast, consider keeping your high quality bike at home and ride a less expensive bike to class or work. It will serve as basic transportation and will be less attractive to potential thieves. No matter which bike you ride, use a good lock.

## Protect yourself from bike theft!

Bicycles provide a good, safe and economical way to get Around campus. However, a bicycle can be stolen from just about anyplace at any time. A few simple precautions can deter a would-be bike thief. The most important thing that you can do to prevent the theft of your bike is to buy and use a good quality U-lock. Many bikes that are stolen were not locked at the time of the theft.

## More tips to secure your bike:

- \* Always lock your bike securely, whether you are gone a few minutes or a few hours. Using a U-lock, lock your bike to a stationary bike rack. For extra security, add a cable or chain to secure the wheels.
- \* Keep a record of the serial number and a complete description of your bicycle.
- \* License your bike with the City of Superior Police Department or Campus Safety. License forms are available at the Government Center or Campus Safety Office in the Public Safety Building.
- \* Mark your bike with your drivers license number and two letter State abbreviation. This will help deter thieves and help police identify and return the bike to the rightful owner, if it is stolen and recovered.
- \* Remember to use only authorized bike racks to secure your bike. **Do not lock your bike to railings, trees, traffic sign posts, near doors or to handicap ramps. Do not block sidewalks.**

If your bike is stolen on campus, report the theft to Campus Safety immediately at **(715)394-8114**. Have the following information available for the officer taking the report:

- \* Make and Model
- \* Color
- \* Size
- \* Style (Mt. Bike or Road, men's or women's)
- \* Serial Number
- \* Value
- \* Accessories

