



## **BICYCLE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS**

Engrave a personal serial number onto your bike to help police identify you as the owner.

Write a description of your bike and mark the personal serial number on paper and store it in a safe place. You will need to report this information to the police if your bike is stolen.

If your bike is stolen, report it as soon as possible. Reporting theft gives police a better chance of recovering your bike and arresting the thieves.

Always lock up your bike, regardless of where it is stored - even in a shed or garage. When you don't lock it, you are just making a thief's job easier.

Use a cable and a U-lock through the frame and wheels, or even use two U-locks to make it more difficult and time consuming to steal.

When out, always lock up your bike in a visible, high-traffic area.

Lock your bike to an immovable object, such as a bike rack that is anchored to the ground.

Beware of locking to items that can be easily cut, broken, or removed.

**Remember: Simple precautions can reduce the risk of crime, but even the most alert and cautious person can still end up a victim. If you do become a victim of crime, call the police immediately - the sooner you report the crime, the better.**