



Lock Your Bike!



During School Hours

Always lock your bike. Even if your school has a cage that is supposed to be locked, that doesn't mean your bike is safe. Always lock the bike to a rack or post with a good lock. Locking to a chain link fence is not secure because the fence can be cut more easily than a lock. Secure both the frame and both wheels if possible, frame and front wheel as a minimum. Use a U-lock if your school has good-quality racks that allow their use, otherwise use a cable lock. Cheap cable locks are easily cut or picked, so be sure to buy a good one. Use a good heavy cable with a built-in lock, not a separate padlock, since the padlocks are easily cut.



A U-lock is best



The frame is automatically secured if the rear wheel is locked inside the rear triangle.



Oops! Forgot to lock the frame.



A good cable lock can't be picked in seconds like the cheap ones



Both wheels and frame locked with a cable lock.



Oops! Forgot to lock the wheels.

After school

Leaving your bike at school after hours or overnight is extremely risky. There is no way to lock a bike securely enough to keep it from being stolen if left overnight. The best you can hope for is to slow thieves down or discourage them enough that they move to a different bike. If you must leave your bike after school when the cage is open, lock the frame and both wheels to an immovable object that won't allow the bike and locks to be slid up and away. Use a cable lock to secure the front wheel and frame to the rack and a U-lock to secure the rear wheel to the rack. Most thieves will not be prepared to break both kinds of lock. If you have quick-release skewers on your wheels, replace them with locking skewers. If you have a quick-release on your seat, replace it with a fixed bolt. If you don't know what a quick-release is, visit your local bike shop and ask for assistance.

Be sure to license your bike at a bike shop or fire station!