

Bike Theft Prevention

Important Tips on Keeping Your Bike Safe

Hundreds of bikes are reported stolen each year on the UC Davis campus and the UC Davis Medical Center grounds. However, following these simple guidelines with your bike can help prevent most thefts from occurring:

Here's How...

- All bicycles used, stored, parked or operated on the UC Davis campus must be licensed with a valid California bicycle license that are available from TAPS and Davis bike shops.
- Always make sure to lock your bike, even if you're only leaving it for "just a minute".
- Whenever possible, always lock your bike to a fixed, but legal device such as a bike rack or pod.
- Lock up your bike in a highly visible and well-lighted location, and in a designated bicycle parking area whenever possible.
- U-shaped high security locks are among the most theft-resistant locks available. Be aware however, that they are still easily defeated by knowledgeable thieves. Accessories for U-locks are available that reduce the effectiveness of leveraging devices used by many bike thieves.
- Heavy-duty chains with case-hardened, 5/16" thick links are more secure than cables.
- Quick release wheels and seats can be secured with a cable, chain or security devices and are available at bike shops.
- It is smart to use a less valuable bike or older bike for running errands and commuting in Davis.

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