

BICYCLE THEFT

Theft of bicycles can be reduced if owners acknowledge the need for adequate security, and invest in equipment that will be effective.



PROTECT YOUR BICYCLE

Register your bicycle with the police.

Use a good quality-locking device such as a hardened steel "U" shaped lock, or a hardened steel chain and padlock.

Weak, inexpensive locks will not Deter a proficient thief.

BICYCLE THEFT IS A REALITY

In 2010 - **628** bicycles were reported stolen in our communities.

ARE SERIAL NUMBER IMPORTANT?

Serial numbers are a set of characters that uniquely identify an object and can be used for trace ability and warranty purposes. Serial numbers, however, are especially important when reporting stolen items, such as bicycles. A serial number is a method to enter the bicycle in our computerized record system as stolen.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION – HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Register your bicycle with the Tampa Police Department. Your registration provides us with the necessary information so if your bike is ever stolen, we would have a record of the serial number when you called to make the report. It would enable us to submit the information about your stolen bicycle into the law enforcement databases quickly and easily.

Complete this bicycle registration and return it to the Tampa Police Department.

Bicycle Registration Theft Protection Program Tampa Police Department



Protect Your Bicycle

Help keep Tampa a safe Community by doing your part to prevent crime.

Register Your Bicycle

Registering your bicycle will greatly assist in its recovery if it is stolen

Bicycle Road Sharing Info

http://www.tampagov.net/dept_transportation/information_resources/Bicycle_Road_Sharing.asp



Retain this information for your records!

Serial number:

Make:

Model:

Remember to keep a copy of your sales receipt.

IDENTIFICATION OF YOUR BICYCLE

Manufacturers mark most bicycles with a serial number. If your bicycle does not have a serial number, engrave an identifying number on the frame. You may want to use the same number on the wheels and the other components.

If you use your Florida Drivers License as your identifying number, it will give police officers the ability to run your information immediately when they find abandoned bicycles or when conducting street checks when stopping suspicious people. This will give law enforcement the ability to return stolen and lost bicycles to their owners.

Never use your social security number as your identifying number to engrave on your bicycle because of identify theft!

BICYCLE REGISTRATION FORM

Owner Name Last, First

Date of Birth

Address

Owners Drivers License Number

Home Telephone Number

Bicycle Information

Make/Brand

Model Name or Number

Speed/Gears

Frame Size

Colors

Serial Number:

Signature of Registrant

Complete this form and remit to:
Tampa Police Department
Bicycle Registration & Theft
Prevention Program
3818 West Tampa Bay Boulevard
Tampa, Florida 33614

Registration does not imply any guaranteed recovery of a reported stolen bicycle.