

REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE WITH CENTRAL MARIN POLICE

Central Marin Police strongly encourages your participation in our free bicycle registration program designed to reduce criminal opportunity. Fill out the bicycle registration form and bring your bicycle to either the Larkspur or San Anselmo Police station to register your bike. Having bicycle information on file provides for fast and accurate identification of a bicycle's owner and increases the likelihood a thief will be apprehended.

CALIFORNIA BICYCLE LAWS

- CVC 22450(a) – Bicyclist must stop completely at stop sign.
- CVC 21200.5 – Illegal to ride bicycle while under the influence of alcohol/drugs.
- CVC 21201(D) – Bicycle must be equipped with white light to the front, a red reflector to the rear.
- CVC 21202(A) – Must ride bicycle as close as practical to the right-hand curb or edge of roadway
- CVC 21203 – No person riding a bicycle, scooter, or roller skates shall attach the same or himself to any streetcar or vehicle on roadway.
- CVC 21204 (a) – Must sit on bicycle seat when riding and not permit anyone to ride as passenger.
- CVC 21212(a) – Anyone under the age of 18 must wear a bicycle helmet to operate a bicycle, scooter, skateboard, roller blades, or roller skates.
- CVC 21200(a) – Every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all the provisions applicable to the driver of a vehicle.

PREVENTING BICYCLE THEFT



Service to Our Communities

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BICYCLE REGISTRATION

Emergency
(24 Hours)
9-1-1

Bicycle Theft Prevention

CHOOSING LOCK DEVICES

1. **Buy the best lock you can afford.**
2. A good padlock should have a hardened alloy steel shackle. If the steel is hardened, the word "hardened" will be stamped on it.
3. A thicker chain is a **better choice**. Chains should be constructed of "hardened alloy steel" and be long enough to thread through both wheels, the frame of the bicycle and around a fixed object. A twist link chain can be easily defeated by opening one link with a spreading tool. A chain that is not hardened all the way through, with a non-hardened inner core, makes breaking the chain with a hammer or a cutting tool more difficult.
4. If a cable lock is preferred, inspect it closely. Some manufacturers try to cut costs by giving you a thin cable covered in a thick vinyl coating. The coating "magnifies" the cable, making it appear thicker than it really is. Also check the cable loop clamps to ensure they are not crimped around the vinyl coating, but crimped to bare metal. Thicker cables can provide greater protection. Thin cables could be defeated easily with ordinary wire cutters.
5. U-shaped locks are made with 1/2" hardened alloy steel to deter cutting, sawing or smashing.

HOW TO LOCK YOUR BIKE

For greater protection, remember that the following steps are as important as the locking device itself.

1. Most bicycle thefts are crimes of opportunity. Remember, a thief does not like crowds, so lock your bicycle where there is pedestrian traffic.
2. During darkness, lock your bike in a well-lit area.
3. Attach your bike to an immovable bike rack to prevent thieves from carrying it off. Make sure the bike cannot be taken by lifting the chain or cable over the rack.
4. Position the lock high off the ground so it is difficult to gain leverage with a cutting tool. Keep the lock high on the bike by closing the shackle around some portion of the bike, such as the handlebar or seat support.
5. Try to anchor both wheels as well as the frame with your chain or cable. Thieves will willingly steal parts of your bike too.
6. If you do not lock your bike, do not leave it unattended. It takes only seconds to steal an unsecured bicycle.

INSURANCE

The best locking devices are not an absolute guarantee against the determined, tool-equipped thief. While locking your bike gives protection, insurance is still a sound investment when you own an expensive bicycle.

Reported Bicycle Thefts

2013 - 81
2012 - 63
2011 - 42

Highest Bike Thefts by Location
Open Residential Garages
Shopping Center Bike Racks
Schools

BIKE THEFT PREVENTION TIPS

1. Keep the receipt.
2. Record your bike's serial number.
3. Take a photograph of you and your bike.
4. Always lock your bike.
5. Lock through the frame and a wheel. Add a cable, cable lock, or second U-lock to lock the second wheel.
6. Buy the best lock you can afford. U-locks are strong, and some come with theft warranties. Learn about the lock manufacturer's warranty and product replacement policy.
7. Beware of locking to racks or poles which are loosely bolted down and can easily be removed. Avoid locking to private property. Store your bike inside if space is available.
8. Lock your bike when keeping it in a garage or on a porch.
9. Use a combination of locking methods. Using a U-lock and a cable lock may make your bicycle less attractive to a thief.