



“BIKE THEFT AND SAFETY TIPS”



Bike Theft Prevention:

Anyone can get hurt. It's easy to crash on a bicycle and each year, more than half a million bicyclists visit the hospital when they do just that. These injuries can happen anytime, anywhere. People often think they're safe because they “just ride around the neighborhood”. Unfortunately, most serious crashes occur on quiet neighborhood streets.

- During the summer most bikes are stolen while left in driveways, unlocked outside of school, stores, or from open garages. Some thieves enter closed garages with unlocked side service doors. The best rule...if you're not riding it, LOCK IT UP!

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Bike Safety Tips: We can make cycling safer for all by observing the following safety tips:

- Obey the rules of the road – Stop signs, Stop Lights
- Remember to always wear a helmet
- Ride your bicycle near the right-hand edge of the road
- Never carry another person on your bicycle
- Always use hand signals when turning or stopping
- Look out for cars at cross streets, driveways, and parking places
- Be careful when checking traffic and don't swerve when looking over your shoulder
- Give pedestrians the right-of-way
- Keep your bicycle in good condition
- Always ride carefully
- Parents set the example; Wear your helmet too!
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing when riding
- Always ride with traffic-never against it
- Parents should know where their children are going and when they will be home

Remember a bicycle is a vehicle, and bicyclists share a complex traffic environment with other larger forms of transportation. Also keep in mind – **Wear your Helmet!**