# City of Irvine **POLICE DEPARTMENT**



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## **Bicycle Safety**

#### Protect your bike

- Lock your bike, most stolen bikes were left unlocked.
- •Any lock is better than no lock, use U-locks, chain locks, or cable locks.
- •Lock your bike even if you leave it "just for a minute."
- •If there is nothing to lock your bike to, lock your bike to itself by locking the frame to a wheel. This prevents someone from riding away on your bike, but not from putting your bike in the back of their truck.
- •Put the lock through the frame <u>and</u> through a wheel. If you lock just a wheel, a thief will simply remove the wheel and walk away with your bike frame.
- •Don't park your bike in public overnight.
- •Keep your garage door closed.

### Making it easier to get your bike back if it is stolen

- •Most bikes have a serial number, write it down, now.
- •Engrave your bike so that you can identify it as your property.
- •Register your bike with the Irvine Police Department, call 949-724-7000.
- •Take a good picture of you with your bike for your files.

#### Recovering a stolen bike

- •Call the Irvine Police Department at 949-724-7000 and file a report.
- •Go on-line and check popular auction sites to look for your bike, if you find it, work with police to get it back.

For more crime prevention information please go to www.irvinepd.org or contact your area crime prevention specialist:

Crossroads 949-724-7042

Portola 949-724-7193

University 949-724-7149

This information adapted from BicycleUniverse.info at http://bicycleuniverse.info/eqp/theft.html

