

An Interview with a BIKE THIEF



Why steal bikes as opposed to other types of crimes?

They're easy to move around and I like the thrill of stealing them—I can make a lot of money re-selling them.



Were you asked to steal specific bikes?

I would only steal bikes that were decent to get a good return on. But I'd take anything that I can sell.



What's your best advice to anyone who owns a bike?

Invest in a strong lock, the more expensive the lock, the more effective it's going to be.



How much planning did you do before going out?

I often receive bike "orders" and go out during the week. I knew which areas I wanted to hit and do the same area for a few days before moving to a different area.



Do you know what happened to them after you got rid of them?

People would ride them around. But owners are stupid and they never register details of their bike anywhere. I've been stopped on a stolen bicycle, but since there's no record of it, I go on my way.

Top 3 LOCK Recommendations



U-lock



Folding lock



Chain lock



Cable lock



U-Locks are the most difficult for thieves to break



16 mm U-locks and chain links can't be cut by bolt cutters.

DON'T BUY CABLE LOCKS
77% of stolen bikes at UCI were secured with a cable lock.



Was Your Bike **STOLEN**?

Report It!
two options...

1 Call (949) 824-5223

2 Visit the UCI Police Department

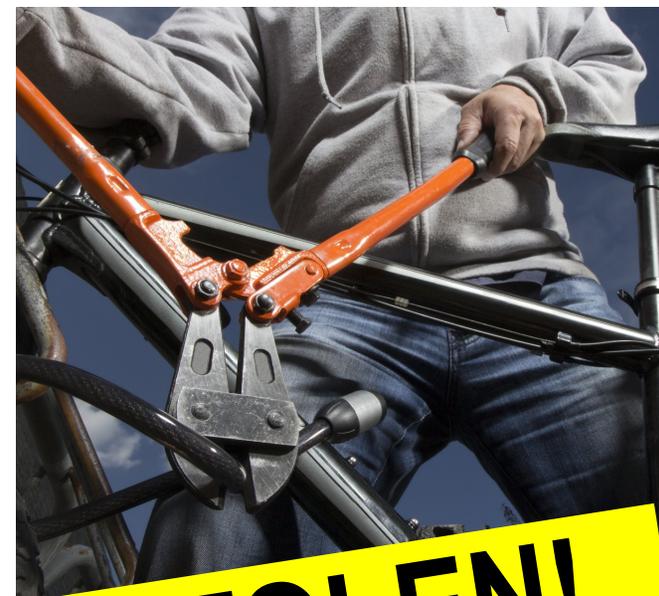


Why?

- *If your bike is recovered, it can be quickly returned to you.
- It helps the Police Department collect data to catch bike thieves.



*Only if you've registered your bike with UCI Transportation at www.bikes.uci.edu



STOLEN!

YOUR UCI
BIKE
PROTECTION GUIDE



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BICYCLE THEFT

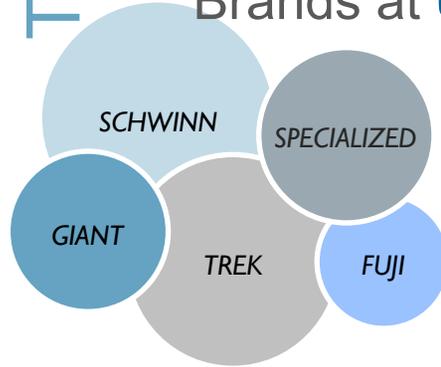
Quick Facts

According to the National Bike Registry, "a four-year student bicyclist faces a 53% (1 in 2) chance of losing their bike to theft."

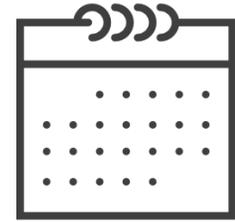
Bicycle thefts are a prevalent issue on UCI campus - in fact, it's our top crime.

We share these 2013 - 2018 facts to help you avoid becoming the next victim. We encourage you to take the proper steps to secure your bicycle.

TOP 5 MOST STOLEN Brands at UCI



3PM - 6PM
typical
TIME for
thefts



MONDAY
TUESDAY
THURSDAY
typical **DAYS** for thefts



\$215,307.00
Total Value
of stolen bikes

77%

of stolen bikes
were SECURED with



CABLE LOCKS



TOP THEFT Locations

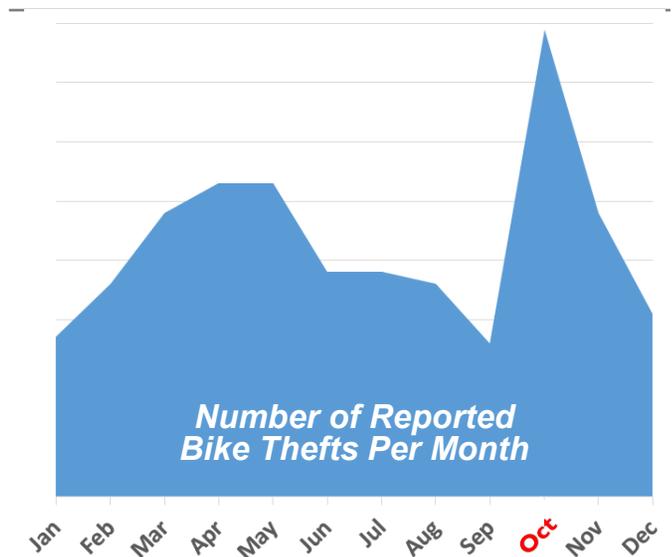


MOST STOLEN
type



Mountain Bike

DO NOT BUY ONE!



Number of Reported
Bike Thefts Per Month

UCI Police Department