



Attention: Bike Theft Protection

As you may or may not know, bicycle theft is our largest security threat on campus. Beach cruisers and expensive mountain/racing bikes are by far the most targeted. That being said, the Campus Public Safety office would like to provide you with some safety tips (located on the backside) to help protect your bicycle from being stolen.

Please be advised Vanguard University is not the only campus affected; bike thefts are frequent among college campuses throughout Orange County, including Orange Coast College which is also located in Costa Mesa. Thus, it's important that you take personal responsibility for the safety of your personal property.

We are also partnering with the Campus Bookstore, who is selling U-locks for \$24.95 – the same quality and price as locks from local bike shops.

Check out these websites below for more information:

To Purchase Bike Locks:

- 1) www.masterlockbike.com
- 2) www.kryptonitelock.com
- 3) www.onguardlock.com

How to properly lock up your bicycle:

- 1) www.nationalbikeregistry.com/proplock.html
- 2) www.kryptonitelock.com/TechLab/HowToSecure.aspx

Safety Tips

1) Buy a U-lock! – The best way to protect your bicycle from being stolen is to lock it up with a U-lock. Cables and chains may deter some people, but thieves can easily cut through even the best cable locks. Your best bet is to buy a U-lock from companies like Master Lock, Krytonite and OnGuard. Though U-locks can cost more, they often come with anti-theft protection offers that you can register for once you purchase the lock. Renter's insurance and homeowner's insurance may even cover the cost of the stolen bike, so ask your insurance agent. If your bicycle was recently purchased with a credit card, you may also have purchase protection through your credit card provider.

2) Use the lock correctly! – To properly lock-up a bicycle using a U-lock, remove the front tire of the bike and place it adjacent to the rear tire. Next, run the U-lock through both tires, the bike frame (VERY important!), and a stationary bike rack. Whenever you lock up your bike, make sure that the lock cannot be slipped off and **never** lock your bike to items that can be easily cut, broken or removed (i.e. aluminum/wood posts or chain link fences).

For some bikes, it may be difficult or time consuming to remove the front tire. In this case, you can use a U-lock to lock up the back tire and frame to a bike rack, while using a cable or another U-lock to lock the front tire to the bike frame. Some bicycle owners may even want to lock up their seats.

3) Pick a good location! – Lock up your bike in well lit areas and near other bicycles. Bicycles that are locked up in dark, remote places are easy targets for thieves.