



# San Diego Community College District POLICE DEPARTMENT



## CAMPUS CRIME ALERT

April 26, 2012

### BICYCLE THEFTS

During the month of April, College Police received reports that several bicycles had been stolen at San Diego City College.

Bicycle theft is an on-going problem. If you haven't already, you should record the make, model and serial number of your bicycle and store this information in a safe place.

- Experts estimate that it takes **7 seconds** to steal a locked bicycle.
- **Less than 3%** of unregistered stolen bikes are returned to their owners.

Source: National Bike Registry

#### What you can do

While it's not possible to make your bicycle 100% theft-proof, there are some simple steps you can take to increase the security of your bicycle and its parts:

- Always lock your bike regardless of how long you will be away from it.
- Use a case-hardened "U" lock; cable locks are easily cut. Position your bike frame and wheels so that you fill or take up as much open space within the U-portion of the lock as possible. The tighter the lock up, the harder it is for thieves to use tools to attack your lock.
- For maximum protection, use both a cable-and-lock as well as a U-type lock. Thieves will seldom carry the tools necessary to break both types of locks.
- Lock your bike in a well-lit area.
- Lock your bike in an area that can be seen by passing pedestrians or motorists.
- Don't leave your bike locked in a rack overnight.
- If you have quick-release hubs, don't forget to lock your wheels and seat-post.
- Replace quick-release mechanisms with regular nut-and-bolt ones.
- Report all thefts to the police

The San Diego Community College District Police Department's mission is to maintain peace and order and a safe learning environment throughout our District. There are Emergency Call-Boxes in many classrooms, elevators and parking lots that provide a direct link to the San Diego Community College District Police Department.

If you have information about crimes which have occurred, or may occur on or near campus, you may report it by calling [College Police](tel:6193886405) at (619) 388-6405, the [San Diego Police](tel:6195312000) at (619) 531-2000 or [Crime Stoppers](tel:8885807477) at (888) 580-TIPS. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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