

# TYPES OF LOCKS:



## U-LOCK

A U-Lock is named for its U-shaped bar, which fits into the cross bar and locks with a key. The U-Lock is made of metal and comes in a variety of sizes and strengths.



## CHAIN LOCK

A chain lock is a metal chain made primarily from steel and is protected by a nylon or plastic cover. Chain locks are available in different sizes and lengths.



## CABLE LOCK

A cable lock is made of a braided steel cord that is covered in plastic. Cable locks have either a combination lock or padlock that links both ends.

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Bicycling performs a beneficial function in the City's transportation system, by offering an inexpensive and efficient alternative to the automobile. Increased bicycle commuting reduces congestion on our overburdened transportation network, while reducing production of carbon monoxide and other ozone depleting emissions. The City appreciates the benefits of bicycling and realizes the importance of providing a safe network of facilities for bicycle travel.

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## LOCK SAFETY GUIDE

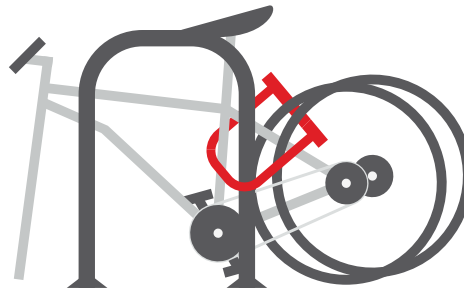
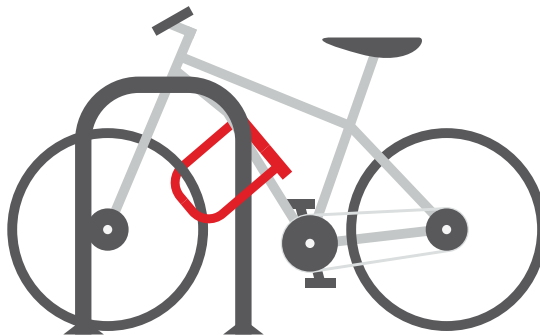
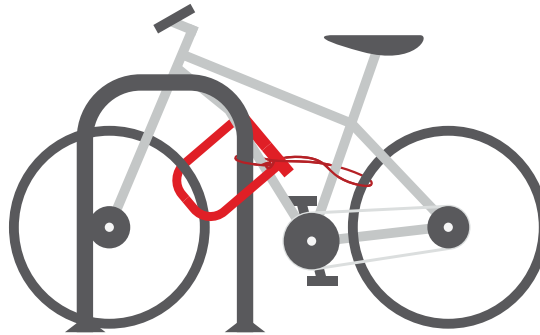


## HOW TO AVOID BICYCLE THEFT:

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- Always lock up your bicycle! Locking your bicycle is a quick and easy theft deterrent. Small U-Locks are preferred because they provide limited amount of room for leverage based attacks on the lock.
- Using a U-Lock and a chain or cable lock is the preferred method in deterring bike thieves. Adding a second level of security has been proven to deter bike theft.
- Choose a bicycle rack that is either bolted or formed in concrete to the ground. All bicycle racks within the City of Orlando are required to be securely anchored to the ground.
- Location, Location, Location! Choose a bike rack location that is highly visible and in a welllit area. Areas with frequent pedestrian traffic and street lighting act as crime deterrents.
- Remember to keep a log of your bicycle's information in a secure location. Keep a copy of your bicycle's serial number, color, style, and any other applicable information you could provide to the authorities if your bike is stolen.
- Don't leave any removable items on your bicycle when it is parked in public. Some examples of removable items are lights, helmets, pumps, or other accessories.
- Rotate bicycle parking spots if you routinely visit the same location. Changing locations prevents a thief from

## BEST LOCK POSITIONS



## HOW TO LOCK UP YOUR BICYCLE:

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- Choose a location— Find a bicycle rack that is securely anchored to the ground. Be sure the rack can support your bicycle upright in two places. Choose a bike rack location that is highly visible and well lit.
- Locking your Bicycle— Lean your bicycle against the rack so that the bicycle will not tip over. Take the U-Lock and form a closed loop around the bike rack, bike frame, and front wheel. If you have a second lock wrap it around the bike rack, bike frame, and rear wheel.
- Before leaving your bicycle, be sure to double check that both of your locks have been secured. Please remember to not leave any removable items on your bicycle.

## MORE TIPS:

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- Always lock your bicycle, even when you are at home.
- Consider replacing detachable items such as lights, bells, or bags with ones that bolt onto the bicycle for additional security.
- Beware of locking your bicycle to temporary structures that are not anchored to the ground.
- Consider using a modern, high quality U-Lock with a flat or disc key. U-Locks are stronger and often come with theft warranties.
- Lock your bike close by and keep it in view as much as possible.
- If possible lock your bicycle inside the building.
- Consider registering your bike with the National Bike Registry.