

## **Bicycle Security & Registration**



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The Bicycle Registration Program (and Matador Bicycle Compound) are **FREE services** available to all CSUN students, faculty and staff.

*The California State University, Northridge (CSUN) Bicycle Registration Program is just one step you can take to improve your chances of getting your bicycle back in the event it is ever stolen and recovered.*

### **To Register Your Bicycle in the Matador Bicycle Compound:**

1. Bring the following to the Department of Police Services (during normal business hours, 8:00am - 4:00pm):
  - Your bicycle
  - Your driver's license OR CSUN ID Card.
2. Complete a CSUN Matador Bicycle Compound form at the Department of Police Services.
3. In order to program your access to the MBC, you will need to have your driver license or an issued Omni card programmed prior to utilizing the compound.

For more information on the MBC visit the link at the top of the page or call (818) 677-3946.

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2. Complete a CSUN [Bicycle Registration Form](#). Bring the completed form to the Department of Police Services. If you cannot retrieve the form on-line, you can request a form at the Department of Police Services.
3. A registration sticker is affixed to your bicycle, and you are then given a copy of your registration form for your records. Keep it handy in case you ever need to report your bicycle stolen!

### **Choosing a Bike Lock:**

**Bike locks come in three styles:**

- **U-LOCK: Most Recommended!** The Horseshoe shape limits leveraging and the bulky mechanism resists bolt cutters, hammers, chisels, etc.
- **CHAIN:** Less effective. Some have a special design that resists compromise.
- **CABLE:** Not recommended. Easily compromised by thieves.

### **Further Protection:**

Cycling experts say that all bike locks can be broken. But a good lock and a secure setup can help you reduce the chances that your bike will end up in the hands of thieves.

- Get a good bike lock. Cycling experts highly recommend the U-Lock by Kryptonite™.
- Try to create an illusion of above-average resistance. This may convince a thief that taking your bicycle requires too much effort.
- Choose a lock that leaves as little space as possible between the lock and the bicycle.
- A lock is only as secure as the object to which it is attached. Lock your bicycle to a fixed, immovable object. Stay away from flimsy objects such as chain-link fences, short posts that bicycles can be lifted over, and sign-posts that are secured with removable bolts. On campus, use bike racks to secure your bicycle.
- Lock your bicycle in a visible place.
- Whenever possible, lock your bicycle where other bicycles are locked. (i.e., bike racks)
- And now, the most important tip of all:
- **LOCK IT - EVERY TIME!** (Even when it's at home in the garage)