

Locking Your Bicycle

Fill the bike lock as much as possible. This helps prevent your bike from being stolen, as it makes it difficult to fit a tool into to cut your lock.

Use more than one style of good quality lock on your bike rack. Criminals usually only carry one type of tool.

Here we present three different methods of locking your bike, each offering a different level of convenience: the relatively quick and dirty "**No Frills**", the fancier "**Pop A Wheelie**" and the downright paranoid "**Double Indemnity**".

We also present some no-no's we've spotted around campus. Hopefully you won't recognize either your methods or bike in these shots. If you do, it's time to adopt a new anti-theft strategy!

Option 1: NO FRILLS



Step 1: Rest your bike against the rack. We advise using the very end of the bike rack, rather than one of the centre rings, as the rack is more substantial at its ends, making it harder to cut through. We also recommend using a U-lock. Run your lock through the wheel, around the seat tube and the bike rack. This fills up a lot of the lock and makes it more difficult to break.



Step 2: Angle your lock with the key hole or locking mechanism facing downwards. This also makes your bike harder to steal.

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Option 2: POP A WHEELIE



Step 1: If you have a quick release front wheel, this method can make your bike much less attractive to steal. First, unhook your brake cables.



Step 2: Next, lift the lever at the centre of your bike wheel.



Step 3: Roll your front wheel to the back of your bike and rest your fork on the ground.



Step 4: Run your lock through both wheels, the seat tube and the bike rack. Angle the lock downwards as much as possible. And don't forget to take your seat away with you when you go.

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Option 3: DOUBLE INDEMNITY



Step 1: This method is a great way to secure your bike when you don't have a quick release front wheel. Having to deal with both a cable and U-lock will be too formidable a challenge for thieves carrying only one type of tool. First, take a cable lock and thread it through your front wheel.



Step 2: Next, bring the lock ends up and cross them over your cross-bar.



Step 3: Lock the criss-crossed cable around the post of the bike rack.



Step 4: Before locking the cable, see if you can feed it through the underside of your bike seat.