

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



The Department of Public Safety operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Public Safety is University charged with creating a safe and secure environment. However, this task is not one that we can carry alone because campus safety and security is a responsibility we share with the community. The best protection against campus crime is an aware, informed, alert campus community—students, faculty and staff who use reason and caution—along with a strong public safety presences.

Emergency:

(609) 258-3333

from your cell phone

Non-Emergency:

(609) 258-1000

www.princeton.edu/publicsafety

ABOUT TRANSPORTATION & PARKING SERVICES

TPS is committed to providing parking and transportation services that promote sustainability, accessibility and mobility for the Princeton community, keeping “Princeton in Motion.”

Princeton University encourages the use of bicycles as a convenient and sustainable form of transportation on campus. Unless otherwise noted, the regulations outlined here apply to all cyclists operating non-motorized bicycles.

For more information about your bike on campus, go to the Transportation & Parking Services website at: <http://www.princeton.edu/parking/bikewalk.html>

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF BICYCLE THEFT AND INCREASE YOUR ODDS OF RECOVERY

- Register your bike for free with Transportation & Parking Services (TPS) who will keep the serial number on file to assist with recovery.
- Keep handy your purchase receipt and a record of the make, model, color, and pertinent identifying features and most important, the serial number.
- Check to see if your homeowner’s policy provides insurance coverage for your bicycle.
- Purchase a U-shaped lock thru TP at a discount. If you use cable or chain locks, make sure the chain is hardened steel, at least 3/8” in diameter. The stranded cable should be of the same diameter. Padlocks securing cables or chains should have at least a 7/16” hardened steel shackle.
- Always secure your bike to a fixed object and never lock it to itself.
- Lock your bike securely to a bike rack by fastening the frame to the rack and any quick-release wheels.
- Immediately report any missing or stolen bikes to **Public Safety at (609) 258-1000**.
- If you see someone acting suspiciously or loitering around a bike rack, **call Public Safety at (609) 258-3333 or 911**.

Remember: Bicycle theft is preventable.

BIKE PARKING

- The University has provided bike racks in convenient locations around campus. These bike rack locations are on the TPS website.
- Do not secure bicycles to benches, light posts, trees, chain/post borders, handrails, or bus shelters.
- Do not block wheelchair ramps in any manner with bicycles.
- Do not ride bicycles indoors.
- Interior bicycle storage is permitted on a limited basis only. Bicycles are not permitted to be secured or locked to any interior railing, placed in a hallway, or allowed to impede a means of egress.
- Bicycles are permitted inside dorm rooms if they are placed so that they do not block or impede egresses. Hooks are available for students who wish to hang their bicycles in their rooms. To obtain hooks, students should contact the **Facilities Customer Service Center at 8-8000**.
- Do not leave bikes locked to racks on campus over the summer. They will be confiscated
- Fines may be imposed if you violate these rules.



BIKE THEFT & SAFETY TIPS

Bicycles are a way of life at Princeton. We use them on our roads and the many bike paths to traverse campus because they are faster than walking and allow more access than a car. The University supports this means of transportation to support our TDM (Transportation Demand Management) initiative, which increases efficiency and reduces emissions associated with vehicles on campus. However, bike theft is one of the most frequent crimes on college campuses, and Princeton is not an exception. By remembering a few basic precautions, you can prevent the theft of your bike.

Bike Thefts on the Princeton Campus Usually Fall into 1 of 3 Categories

1. The unlocked bike of questionable value that is “borrowed” for a quick means of transportation and the “borrower” forgets to return it.
2. The bike locked with an inexpensive chain lock that the thief cuts with bolt cutters and rides away. Probably to be sold for a fraction of its cost.
3. The expensive mountain bike, locked to itself with a good lock, that is carried to a waiting car. The thief then cuts the lock with a bolt cutter and sells the bike at “low overhead” sales prices.



BE SAFE

Princeton University promotes safe and responsible riding on campus. When riding on campus, cyclists should obey all New Jersey state and local laws. Please familiarize yourself with these laws, as cyclists are granted the same rights and subject to all duties of motor vehicle drivers.

Campus walkways and trails:

- Maintain a safe and reasonable speed at all times.
- Be considerate of pedestrians, as campus pathways are shared among pedestrians and cyclists.
- Remain alert at all times. Do not ride with headphones or while talking on a cell phone.
- Maintain your bicycle properly.
- Refer to the campus bike map for suggested bike-friendly routes.

Roads:

- Yield to pedestrians at crosswalks and intersections. Walk your bike when campus traffic is congested. Pass with caution on the left and alert the people around you before doing so.
- Ride in the direction of traffic (“Bike to the right.”)
- Use hand signals before turning.
- Don’t stop in a driver’s blind spot.
- Ride single-file and in a straight line. Don’t weave between cars.
- Use a mirror.
- Dismount at crossings.



BIKE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Wear a helmet
- ✓ Use lights and reflectors
- ✓ Ride on the right – with traffic
- ✓ Ride your bike at a safe speed
- ✓ Signal when turning
- ✓ Don’t tailgate or ride too close to traffic
- ✓ Obey all traffic signals
- ✓ Don’t ride in the middle of the road.
- ✓ Wear light colored or reflective clothing at night
- ✓ Maintain and inspect our bike
- ✓ Be cautious of breaking in slick conditions
- ✓ Don’t text and ride
- ✓ Always lock your bike with a good U-lock
- ✓ Register your bicycle with Transportation & Parking Services for FREE

Protect the investment - YOU!

**Be Safe. Call PSafe - 24/7/365
609-258-1000**

(RETAIN FOR YOUR RECORDS)

Name: _____

Brand Name: _____

Serial #: _____

P.U. Decal#: _____

Date Registered: _____

