

UC Santa Cruz Police Department

We at the University Police Department want to safeguard your property and ensure you do not become a victim of crime during your stay at UCSC but we need your help to make this happen.

Maintaining records of your property will help us in locating the owner. A great way to do this is to record serial numbers or to engrave your own serial numbers (most commonly, a driver's license number) on your property.



Please record your bike and property information here!

Brand: _____
Model: _____
Frame Size: _____ Wheel Size: _____
Serial# _____
License # _____
Date Registered: _____
Description: _____

Valuable Items

Item #1: _____
Brand: _____
Model: _____
Serial# _____
Description: _____

Item #2: _____
Brand: _____
Model: _____
Serial# _____
Description: _____

Contact us in-person, online or over the phone:
Located at the Emergency Response Center
Website: police.ucsc.edu
Phone Number: (831) 459-2231

Keeping Your Property Safe

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Theft is the #1 reported crime on campus. This brochure is a brief guide on how to safeguard your property, laws regarding theft and what to do if you are a victim of theft.



Property Theft



How to keep your bike safe!

- 1) Register!** If your bike is stolen and it was not registered, the chances of recovering your bike are drastically reduced. Contact OPERS at 831-459-2806 or the UCSC Recreation Department at 831-459-2806 to set up an appointment for registration.
- 2) Lock your bike!** We recommend a good U-lock as cable locks are easily cut. Also lock your bike frame to the racks. If possible, lock the wheels to the frame as well.
- 3) Cheap Bike:** Consider bringing and using an inexpensive bike, they are usually the least likely to be targeted for theft.
- 4) Where:** Try to lock your the bike in a well-populated or traveled area.

I just discovered my bike was stolen, what do I do?

- 1) Report!** If your bike was stolen on University property, report it to the UC Santa Cruz Police Department immediately. We are located at the Emergency Response Center or you can call us at (831) 459-2231. If it was stolen elsewhere, identify the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction for the location it was stolen in and contact them.
- 2)** Have the necessary information needed for the report. Bike brand name, model, serial number, value, distinguishing features, etc.
- 3)** Keep a lookout for your own bike. Many times people are able to find their own bikes. If you do find your bike and it's on university property, call the campus police first, if you found it elsewhere, call the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.

Additional Information

Be careful of where you buy your bike. Stolen bikes are a lucrative trade and possessing one can get you into legal trouble.

Santa Cruz Municipal Code 10.68.110 requires bicycles be registered if rode within city limits, most of the campus falls within city boundaries.

California Penal Code Section 496 makes possession of a stolen bike a felony punishable by a fine and/ or prison time.

Car Related

- Do not leave anything in plain view
- Always remember to lock your doors and roll up windows to a safe height
- Park in well-lit areas
- If you leave your car, bring your car keys! A thief's window of opportunity is less than a minute

At Home or in the Dorms

- Make sure all doors are locked and windows are shut, even if you are leaving for just a brief moment
- Try to keep valuables out of sight from windows or away from doors
- If you have not requested or have not been notified of such service, verify the identities of people claiming to be from companies such as, but not limited to, utilities and animal control
- Beware of extortion schemes by people claiming to be law enforcement and demanding money

Out and About

- Remember that the cubbies at OPERS and at dining halls are unmonitored!
- If you are going to sleep in a public area, sleep **on** your backpack/ laptop