



## Prevent Bicycle Thefts – Secure Your Bike!



*Worthington* – Spring has arrived and with the onset of warm weather reports of stolen bicycles increase. The thefts occur throughout the community, in both public and residential areas, at varying times day and night.

In analyzing this trend of bicycle thefts, there is one common denominator among the thefts; **all of the stolen bikes were taken after being left unattended and unsecured.** In order to prevent becoming a victim of this type of theft, it is important to take steps to safely secure your property.

Yearly we recover more stolen bicycles than are reported to us and unfortunately many of these bikes are never returned due to a lack of identification. Most recovered bicycles are not returned because the owners do not register the bike, maintain a serial number or report the bike stolen. We annually donate hundreds of recovered bicycles to charity. Help us to prevent bike thefts and aid us in returning bicycles by following these simple preventative measures:

- Utilize bicycle locks when appropriate, especially when leaving your bike in a public area.
- Do not store your bike unsecured on your porch or patio.
- Do not leave bicycles out and unattended in your yard for extended periods of time.
- Be sure to close and secure your garage door.
- Register your bicycle with the Worthington Division of Police by contacting Officer Tammy Floyd at 614-436-6595 or e-mail [tammy.floyd@worthington.org](mailto:tammy.floyd@worthington.org)

As always, be alert to suspicious activity in your neighborhood and contact Worthington Police at 614-885-4463 to report anything unusual.

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