Bike theft is the most commonly reported crime at UCSB. In 2009, there were approximately 349 bike thefts reported on campus. These thefts amounted to $80,218.77 in stolen property! Depending on the value of the bike, a thief can be charged with grand or petty theft, a felony and misdemeanor respectively. While law enforcement works to proactively combat bike theft, there are a number of steps you can take to reduce the risk of having your bike stolen:

1. Always use a U-Lock! Avoid thin cable locks.
2. Lock the bicycle’s frame to the bike lock.
3. Expensive and newer bikes are targets. Avoid standing out by riding a second-hand or older bike.
4. Register your bike. Registered bikes are more likely to be recovered when stolen. Equally, thieves are less likely to steal bikes that are registered because they know the serial numbers will be entered into a national computer database. Bikes can be registered at the CSO office located behind the Department of Public Safety.
5. If your bike is stolen report the crime to the University Police immediately.

**Take a stand with the Department of Public Safety and help put an end to bike theft!**

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**Keep chain clean and adjusted**

**Keep breaks properly tightened, check the pads often**

**Never ride a bike with damaged breaks**

**Make sure there is always enough air in your tires**

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Bike Safety at UCSB

There are approximately 14,000 people that commute to UCSB every day by bicycle. In an average day it is estimated that there are almost 20,000 bikes on campus. With all of the bikes, skateboards, and pedestrians UCSB can be a crowded and distracting environment! Accidents involving bicycles and skateboards frequently do occur on campus. The most common cause of accident is inattention and distraction. It is important to realize that there are rules and regulations governing the use of both bicycles and skateboards on campus. Failure to adhere to these rules can result in a citation by police officers.

Bicyclists Must:

- Ride only on the bike paths.
- Walk bikes on all walkways.
- Obey all vehicle laws and posted signs (e.g. stop signs).
- Travel at safe speeds.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Use a bike light at night.
- Not ride on any four lane divided highway or roadway.
- Never block emergency or handicapped access areas with a bike.
- Park only in bicycle parking lots and lock bikes only to bike racks.
- Never ride a bike while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
- Not carry passengers on parts of a bicycle not designed for riding.
- Ride on campus for transportation only (no stunt biking).
- Bicycling with a headset, or earplugs in both ears is prohibited.

Did you know that there is a full service bike repair and part shop right here on campus? Serving students, faculty, staff, and alumni of UCSB since 1974, the Associated Students Bike Shop is a student-funded non-profit organization dedicated to education, service and safety. The shop is located in Lot 29 next to HSSB, and is open Monday through Thursday, 10am to 5pm and Friday, 10am to 3pm. Services offered include:
- Repair stands
- Tool loan
- Repair instructions
- Compressed air accessible 24/7
- Thousands of commonly used bicycle components and accessories

Is a Skateboard a Vehicle?

No! Legally, a skateboarder is considered a pedestrian. Therefore, skaters are subject to all of the rules that apply to pedestrians at UCSB. For more information about skateboarding on campus, please pick up a copy of our brochure on skateboard safety!

Bike Accidents:

Bike accidents are reported every year at UCSB. Statistically, most accidents occur on Thursday and Friday. There are a few simple precautions you can take to avoid accidents and injury while riding a bike around UCSB:

- Always pay attention— inattention is the leading cause of solo bike accidents.
- Wear a helmet and protective gear!
- Avoid unnecessary distractions (e.g. talking on the phone).
- Keep your hands on the handlebars.
- Avoid carrying items that interfere with your ability to control the bike.
- NEVER hang a U-lock on the handlebars.
- Obey all traffic laws and NEVER assume the driver of a car will stop for you!

RIGHT OF WAY?

With all of the bikes, skaters, and pedestrians UCSB can be a pretty hectic place between class times. Contrary to popular belief, pedestrians, not bikes, have the right of way at UCSB. Pedestrians are however, prohibited from walking on the bike path and can be cited! Regardless of who has the right of way, both bikers and pedestrians need to watch out for each other.