Bike Theft Prevention

Bicycle theft is an on-going problem. If you haven't already, you should record the make, model and serial number of your bicycle and store this information in a safe place. It's also a good idea to register your bike with the Department of Public Safety, FREE. The CU Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit will engrave a Police Unique ID number on the bike. The bike will be automatically registered to the owner from New York to California.

While it's not possible to make your bicycle 100% theft-proof, there are some simple steps you can take to increase the security of your bicycle and its parts:

- Use a case-hardened "U" lock; cable locks are easily cut
- If you use a regular padlock, purchase one with a 7/16" shank, the largest size that will fit the campus bike racks
- Lock your bike in a well-lit area
- Lock your bike in an area that can be seen by passing pedestrians or motorists
- Remember to also lock parts attached with quick-release mechanisms

Some poor examples of locking your bike:

*Frame Locked, but not the wheel.*

*Wheel locked, but not the frame.*
The correct way to secure your bike.

Both the frame and wheels are locked

If you don't want to be too obsessive with your locks, you can buy locking hubs for your wheels. With these, you get a special key that can be the only thing able to remove the wheels from your bike. The poor person's version is the pipe clamp. While someone can still steal your wheels with these, it will definitely slow them down.
Protect your bike by registering it.
While registering your bike won't keep it from being stolen, it greatly aids in its return to you if it is recovered by the police. The police will not give you back your bike unless they have proof that it belongs to you. In addition, it helps the police identify and locate the proper owner. CU Public Safety offers FREE bike registration with the NYPD & Columbia University. A unique number is engraved on the bike and a non-removable decal is placed on the bike for easy identification that the bike is registered with the Police. Bike registration is smart and effective. Call for an appointment today, CU Crime Prevention 212-854-8513.

Never use a cable type lock as a PRIMARY lock
Use a U-Shape type lock or a HEAVY duty chain, secure frame & tire to something bolted down, a bike rack.
Discount Bike Lock Program

Where can I purchase a discount bike lock?
- Public Safety Operations Medical Center 24 hrs
  650 West 168 Street room 109, 212-305-8100
- Public Safety Morningside Campus M-F 9A-5P
  Low Library room 111, 212-854-8513

Kryptonite New York Fahgettaboudit Chain 3.25
Discounted Price-$70

Kryptonite New York Fahgettaboudit Chain with Disc Lock
- Super strong case hardened, tempered boron manganese chain for ultimate strength with a unique six sided hexagonal shape
- Weather and heat resistant nylon cover
- Includes a disc lock with one lighted key and two standard keys
- The ultimate in motorcycle security in high theft areas
- Narrower inner width of individual links prevents leverage attacks
- A number 12 out of 12 rating for ultimate bike security.
- $3750 Anti-theft guarantee.
Kryptonite NY U-Lock LS
Discounted Price- $45

- 16mm hardened MAX-Performance steel shackle resists bolt cutters and leverage attacks
- Higher security disc-style cylinder
- Double deadbolt locking for extensive holding power
- Protective vinyl coating
- Sliding dustcover protects and extends cylinder life
- 3 keys - one lighted with high intensity bulb & replaceable battery
- 3,000 Anti-Theft Protection Offer is included.
- A number 11 out of 12 rating for ultimate bike security.
- Includes versatile EZ Mount transportation bracket
Kryptonite Kryptolok Series 2

Discounted Price- $20

- 13mm hardened Performance steel shackle resists cutting and leverage attacks
- High security Bent Foot™ design for serious protection and great value
- Patented deadbolt locking mechanism for extensive holding power
- High security, pick and drill resistant disc-style cylinder
- Enhanced internal engineering resists twisting leverage attacks
- Offset key location and overhead cam locking mechanism resists leverage attacks
- Rotating dust cover protects and extends cylinder life
- Includes versatile EZ Mount transportation bracket
- 2 keys - new "I" keys for easier usage
- Anti-Theft Protection - $1500 (Not in New York)
The Club Ultra Jr. Bike Lock

Discounted Price- $10

One of the toughest bike locks ever made, this Ultra Bike Compact Club will allow you freedom and peace of mind knowing your bike is secure and will be there when you get back.

- Comes with three weather-resistant, European style, computer-cut laser encrypted keys
- Literally thousands of combinations making it virtually impossible to pick
- Steel gusset on the side of the lock housing prevents pipes from being used to pry the lock
- The first fully-adjustable bicycle lock that eliminates dead space within the lock
- Self-locking for quick and convenient installation without the key
- Vinyl coating protects bicycle paint from scrapes and scratches

Dimensions:
- 12.5 x 9.25 x 2.25