



Dear Fellow Bicyclist:

My name is _____ and I could not help but notice that your bicycle is not locked as securely as it might be. Having one's bicycle stolen – or any part of it – is very upsetting, to say the least. I noticed these things which made me worry:

- Bicycle not locked to anything solid.** (The entire bicycle can be carried off. A thief can remove the lock later).
- Frame not locked.** (The frame can easily be detached from the locked part and carried off).
- Quick-release wheel and/or seat not locked.** (They're easily released and stolen. Locking frame with wheel is more stable).
- Weak lock.** (Cables, chains and padlocks are easily defeated. U-locks are very secure -- don't leave empty spaces).
- Bicycle left out at night.**
- Other:**

CONSIDER PARKING AT THE BIKESTATION!

Located in the Downtown Berkeley BART (south end of concourse near the Allston Way entrances), the Bikestation offers FREE, secure, attended bicycle parking. Faster than locking up – and safer – no need to remove helmets, lights, or bags – and your bike never gets rained on! Our mechanic gives free bike checks on Wednesdays, and we carry accessories like lights, locks and racks. Proceeds from our store benefit the all-volunteer Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition (BFBC.org) which created the Bikestation and is working hard day and night to make Berkeley the most bicycle-friendly city in the country. Our hours are M-F, 7 am – 9 pm (new Saturday hours coming soon!).

Most bicycle theft is preventable! Over 85% of bikes reported stolen in Berkeley were not locked or locked so poorly they were essentially not locked. This notice was printed by the Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition for our members. Our goal is to make Berkeley a more bicycle-friendly city – we want to help make bicycling so safe, convenient, and pleasant that it becomes a widely preferred way of getting around town. BFBC does not warranty against or guarantee that following one or more of the suggestions above will prevent your bicycle or any of its components from being stolen. The suggestions are provided for educational purposes only. Please contact us for more information on this or any bicycling issue:

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