BICYCLE PARKING DOS AND DON'TS

1. **Do** lock your bicycle in a well-lit, highly visible location. Make sure that your bicycle can be easily seen.
   Don't lock your bicycle in a hidden away or secluded area.

2. **Do** put your lock through the bicycle frame.
   Don't just lock a wheel.

3. **Do** lock to a permanently fixed object. Double-check that the rack or pole you are locking to can't be taken apart.
   Don't lock to a tree.
   Don't lock to another bicycle.

4. **Do** use an appropriate, heavy-duty lock. In general, "case hardened" U-locks or thick chain locks are recommended.
   Don't use a lock that can easily be snipped with bolt cutters.

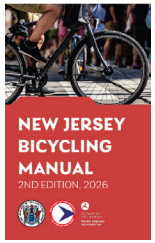
5. **Do** keep a record and/or photo of your bicycle's serial number. This can help you recover your bicycle if it is stolen.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Read the **New Jersey Bicycling Manual, Second Edition**, to learn how to ride comfortably and confidently across settings and situations.

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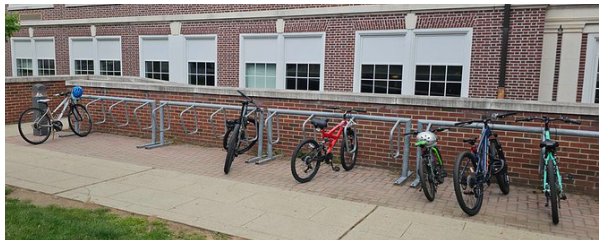
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BICYCLE PARKING TYPES

There are two types of bicycle parking, short-term and long-term. When possible, choose the type of parking that best suits your needs, based on how long you will be parked.

Short-Term

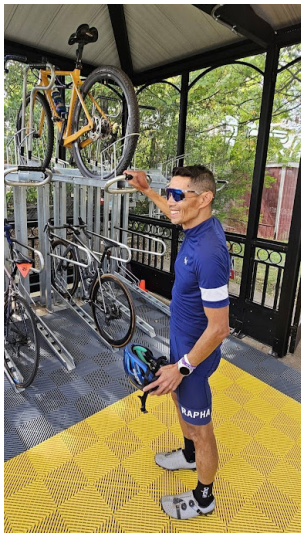
Standard bicycle racks, including those on sidewalks, near building entrances, parks, schools, and commercial areas.



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Long-Term

Long-term parking is secured and covered, such as inside a keyed-entry parking garage, a bicycle locker, or a separate bicycle storage room. Long-term parking is ideal for overnight stays or for commuters working a full shift.



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BICYCLE LOCK TYPES

Each type of bicycle lock has benefits and drawbacks; striking the balance between security and portability depends on your preferences and security needs.

U-Locks (Recommended)

Rigid shape and sturdy build, which makes them more resistant to cutting or prying. Inflexible and heavy.

Chain Locks (Recommended)

Flexible design makes them easy to secure to wide street furniture like lamp posts; thick chains are often heavy.

Folding Locks

Small and easy to carry; some designs are vulnerable to being pried apart.

Cable Locks

Lightweight and flexible, but easy for thieves to snip quickly with bolt cutters.

MORE BICYCLE LOCKING TIPS

Always secure your bicycle, even if you'll only be away from it for a few minutes. It takes a bicycle thief only seconds to steal an unlocked bicycle. Why take the risk?

Park somewhere visible. If given enough time, just about any lock can be defeated. In a well-observed location, a thief is less likely to have the time to work on the lock.

For extra security, use two locks. Lock the frame and front wheel with one and the frame and rear wheel with the other.

Take removable equipment with you when you park your bicycle (e.g., helmet, GPS, lights, water bottle). Anything not securely bolted on is easily stolen.

Photograph and register your bicycle so that if it does get stolen, there is a record that it is yours. Ask your local police, and/or register with a national registry such as BikeIndex.org or Project529.com.



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