

Prevent Bicycle Theft

It is absolutely essential that you document your bike. Far too many bike owners fail to record the serial numbers on their bikes, or to document any other proof of ownership. If your bike is stolen, you don't want to be one of those owners. Instead, you want to be the owner who can provide a serial number and other proof of ownership to law enforcement. Begin by establishing a file for each bike you own. Record your serial number and place it in the file. Other documentation in the file should include a receipt for the bike; even if you are buying a used bike, ask for a receipt. If you don't have a receipt for a bike you already own, repair receipts may serve as evidence of ownership. Keep all receipts for the bike in the file.

Take photographs of the bike, including any distinguishing characteristics, and store those in the file as well. Make a digital copy of your file on your hard drive, and keep the bike's paper file with your other important documents.

Common Bike Serial Number Locations



1. ACROSS THE TOP BAR
2. ON THE SEAT POST MAST
3. ON THE LOWER BAR
4. ON THE HANGER CRANK NEAR THE SPROCKET
5. ON ONE OF THE REAR FORKS (Left or Right)
6. ON ONE OF THE REAR STAYS (Left or Right)