

## Securing your Bicycle:

- Try to use a basic or generic appearing bicycle on campus. The more expensive the bike, the more likely that it will be a target of theft.
- TUPD recommends a “U” lock. Secure the bike with the “U” lock thru the bicycle frame. Always secure the bicycle to a “fixed” object. When used properly, bicycle locks are more than 99% effective in preventing theft.
- Avoid using quick-release skewers on wheels and saddles. Replace existing quick-releases with bolts or locking skewers or secure the wheels to the frame to prevent theft.
- Place the key mechanism for the lock facing the ground, so that it is more difficult for a thief to tamper with.
- Use a bike rack that is located in a well-lit area.
- Do not lock your bike to handrails on handicap access ramps, or in any location which impedes pedestrian or vehicular traffic. Bikes left in these locations will be confiscated.
- Record your bicycle serial number and keep that information in a safe place. Register your bicycle with TUPD. By recording your bike’s identifiers with the police department, you increase the likelihood of your bike being returned to you if found.
- If your bike is stolen, report the theft as soon as possible to the police department. The sooner the police are aware of the theft, the more likely the possibility of your bike being recovered.

## While on the road:

- Always wear a helmet.
  - Ride predictably.** Cyclists must ride with the flow of traffic, staying as close as practical to the right except to avoid hazardous conditions, to make a left turn, or to use a one-way street. Never ride against the flow of traffic.
  - Ride defensively.** Follow the rules of the road and scan the intersection as you pass through. Before you enter, watch for turning vehicles or vehicles that may be running stop signs or signals.
  - Obey all traffic signals.** Bicycles must be operated like vehicles. Bicyclists are obligated to adhere to all traffic controls, including stop signs and traffic signals. LA RS 32:194
  - Use lights.** Lighting equipment must be used when visibility is limited. You must use headlights, tail lights and reflectors so the bicycle can be seen. LA RS 32: 329:239.1
  - Maintain bike.** Maintain all parts of the bike to ensure that the bike will function properly at all times. A safe bike equals a safe ride!
  - Avoid the door zone.** Be aware of people opening car doors after they park. Make sure to ride far enough away from parked cars to have time to react to opening doors. Also, there are many “**potholes**” on the streets of New Orleans – **road conditions change daily!**
- Always dress appropriately, stay well hydrated and keep a cell phone handy!**

# Bicycle Safety

## Tulane University Police Department



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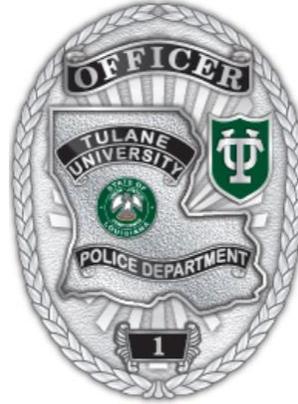
**1430 Tulane Avenue, N.O., La 70112 (DMD)**

## **Other bike safety tips:**

- Register your bike with New Orleans Police Department if you use your bicycle throughout the city.
- Prevent crime: when it's parked for an extended period, occasionally move your bike to show you are keeping a watchful eye.
- Don't wear earphones-they hinder your ability to hear traffic.
- USE a high quality "U" shaped lock. AVOID using lightweight cables or chains, or low quality U-locks.
- Always lock your bicycle through the frame and both wheels to a bicycle parking rack.
- Lock all free parts of bike or take them with you. This includes helmets, unsecured locks, gloves, sunglasses or any other loose items.
- Before leaving your bicycle, give the lock a tug to ensure it is secured.
- And the super obvious mistake we've actually seen some people make: Don't lock your bike to an object/pole that is short, and has no obstacle at the top (i.e. parking meter without a "top"). Thieves will see that "locked" bike and lift the bike right off, lock and all.
- Report all suspicious persons or activity to the proper authorities as soon as possible.

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**We hope that you follow all of the safety tips and advice of this brochure by practicing safe behavior on the road and properly securing your bicycle in a designated well lit area to prevent theft.**