**Abandoned Bicycle Policy**

The University of Miami has an abandoned bicycle removal policy designed to prevent crime by keeping the campus as maintained and organized as possible. This policy, in addition to all bicycle related University policies, may be viewed through the UM Security website: [www.security.med.miami.edu](http://www.security.med.miami.edu)

- Bicycles appearing to be fully wrecked, inoperative, dismantled or severely neglected shall be considered abandoned.

- All bicycles deemed to be “abandoned” will be tagged with an abandoned bicycle notice. This notice clearly states that the bicycle is considered abandoned and will be confiscated in 20 days unless the rightful owner contacts UM Security.

- After the 20 day notice period, if no rightful owner has come forward, the bicycle will be confiscated and held by UM Security for 90 days. Information and a picture of the bicycle will be posted on the Security website.

- After the 90 day waiting period, if no rightful owner has come forward, the bicycle will become University property and may be kept for internal use, donated or sold.

**NEVER HESITATE TO CONTACT SECURITY**

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**Bicycle Registration**

University policy requires that you register your bicycle with the University; registration is a free service available to all students, faculty and staff. If your bicycle is ever lost, stolen or confiscated for non-compliance with any bicycle policy, registration will aid in identifying you as the owner and returning your bicycle.

**How to Register**

Simple, just bring your bicycle and your University ID to the Security Operations Office located in Suite 160 of the Dominion Parking Garage during standard business hours. You will be given a unique registration decal for your bicycle.

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**Securing your Bicycle**

To reduce the opportunity of bicycle theft on campus, University policy requires all bicycles not in use to be secured to a designated bicycle rack.

All students, faculty and staff who utilize their bicycle on campus at least 5 times per month may receive one U-Lock free of charge from the Security Department.

U-Locks can also be purchased from the Security Department at a discounted rate. U-style bicycle locks are estimated to be 9 times more effective at preventing theft than traditional cable or chain locks.

**How to secure your bicycle**

When you secure your bicycle to a designated bike rack, be sure to secure the lock around a closed section of the bicycle frame, not a tire, seat, or other removable part. Never leave your bicycle unsecured if it is unattended, even if it’s just for a minute. That’s all the time a thief needs to hop on and ride away. Remember, bicycles must be secured to designated bicycle racks. It is against University policy to secure your bicycle to anything else.

Bicycle racks are designed for bicycles to be placed rear-wheel-in-first. Doing such prevents the bicycle from falling over and positions the bicycle’s main frame close to the rack, allowing for proper locking.

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**Rules of the Road**

Did you know that in the State of Florida bicycles are considered vehicles? As a result, cyclists are bound to many of the same laws as drivers. It is important to follow the rules of the road when riding your bicycle.

- Wear a bicycle helmet at all times.
- Ride with traffic, to the side of the road. Obey all road signs.
- Florida Statute requires all cyclists riding between sunset and sunrise to have a light on the front of their bicycle.
- Wear brightly colored clothing.
- Pay attention to vehicles around you and never assume a motor vehicle driver will yield to you.
- Never wear headphones while cycling.