

30 April 2014

To residents, tenants and workers in Sydney City,

**RE: Theft of bicycles in Sydney City Local Area Command (LAC)**



**NSW Police Force**

There has been a recent increase in the number of pushbikes stolen in the Sydney City area. This has been an ongoing issue across Sydney, however, the spike in occurrences means that offenders are becoming more confident and taking advantage of every opportunity they can.

Alarmingly, thefts are also occurring within common areas of residential properties. This may include secure parking facilities, foyers and corridors. Although apartment blocks are private spaces for residents and tenants, it is quite possible for thieves to enter the premises without drawing attention to themselves.

Police are urging all pushbike owners and users to take the following precautions:

- Store your bike inside your own house/ unit. If living with others, keep it in your room.
- If it must be stored in a place accessible to others, secure it with multiple HIGH QUALITY bike locks that cannot be cut apart. The lock unit(s) should be tethered to a permanent fixture that cannot be broken.
- ALWAYS lock your bicycle to a strong fixture when leaving it in public. Even a one- minute dash into a shop is all the time a thief needs.
- Engrave your bike with some identifying information. This could be your Driver's Licence number (e.g. NSW 12345678) or name and date of birth. Put your contact details on an obvious location on your bike. Should it be found or recovered, Police can quickly identify the owner and contact them.
- **Each bicycle has a unique serial number etched onto it. It should also be printed on the documentation that comes with the bike at purchase. If you cannot locate it, contact the manufacturer or retailer/ previous owner the bike was purchased from.**
- Record the following details of your bike and keep it in a safe place. This can be used to prove an owner of a recovered bike. You may use the table below:

<b>Make (Brand)</b>		<b>Serial Number</b>	
<b>Model &amp; Year</b>		<b>Colour</b>	
<b>Features</b>		<b>Engraved information</b>	

- Take photos of your bike. Include wide shots and close ups. Print and attach a photo of the bike on the other side of this letter.

If you would like any further information on securing your bicycle, please contact Sydney City Police on the number at the bottom of the page.

Kind Regards,

**Constables Allison KACHOYAN & Laura CLIFFORD**  
**Crime Prevention Officers**

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Emergency only

**POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (131 444)**

For non-emergencies

**CRIME STOPPERS (1800 333 000)**

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