



# U-Lock Security Tips

While a u-lock can provide some of the best security for your bike, they must be used properly. Even u-locks can be defeated, and selection of your u-lock brand and model can be important. Accessory reinforcements can also be added to existing u-locks to improve their security.



**The SECRET is Out!**  
Some bike thieves around the country have discovered a means to break some brands of u-locks.

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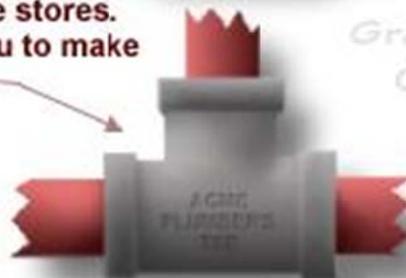
See your bike shop for a reinforcing bar and collar.

Although the majority of stolen bikes are left unlocked, were locked with a cable, or secured to objects that could be cut or dismantled, recently some u-locks have been broken.

Use a reinforcing bar to resist prying tools. The bar strengthens the lock and helps to fill gaps where a thief could insert a pry bar.

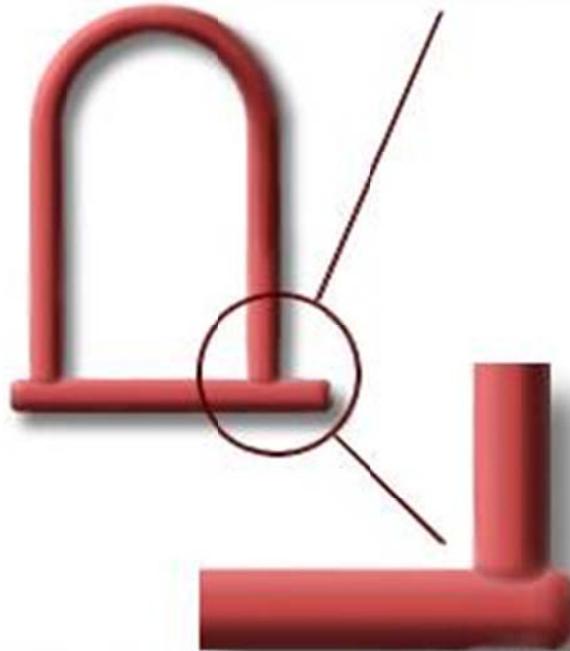
Strengthen your u-lock by adding an inexpensive reinforcing collar or "plumber's tee" to protect the lock mechanism.

Available at hardware stores. Take your lock with you to make sure it fits!



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U-locks designed with the key inserted from the side have been defeated. The protruding lock allows the thief to attach a tool and break the lock.



U-locks designed with the key inserted from the bottom are more resistant to prying tools.

**Never leave your bike unlocked and unattended.**

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