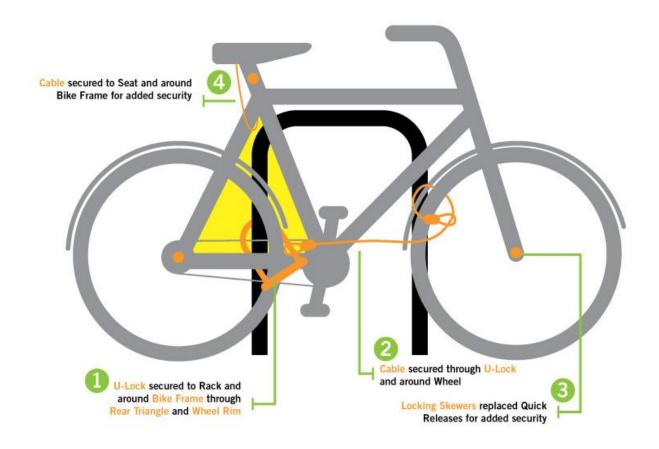
# Like Your Bike?



# Lock It!

### A lock will deter the majority of thefts.

Bikes can get stolen...even at school. Most bike thefts are opportunistic. That is, unlocked bikes are taken for a joy ride and dumped. A lock will prevent most thefts.

### Buy a high quality bike lock

If you can't afford to lose your bike, a secure, high quality U-lock is a smart investment. Inexpensive cable locks can be cut quickly with bolt or wire cutters.

### Lock through your bike FRAME

Do <u>not</u> lock only through wheels, seat posts, or handlebars which can be easily removed.

### Lock to a secure bike rack, NOT to fence wire which can be cut.

Higher security U-racks are provided for your protection. Please use them!

# **USE YOUR HEAD**

# **WEAR A HELMET**

# Getting the Fit Just Right

Bicycling is a fun and healthy way to get around. Before you roll, safety should be your goal!

Wearing a helmet reduces head injuries when riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or skates. California law requires anyone under the age of 18 to wear a properly fitted and fastened helmet when doing the above activities. Everyone, including parents, should wear a helmet for every ride. MAKE IT A HABIT!

A helmet needs to fit properly to be effective at reducing head injuries in a crash. Follow the four easy steps for the right fit: **SNUG. EYES. EARS. MOUTH**.



# SNUG

- Adjust the tension mechanism at the back of the helmet or replace the pad inserts, if available, until the helmet fits snugly around your head.
- If you cannot get a snug fit around your head, your helmet won't protect you in a crash.
  You may need to purchase a different size helmet and consider one with a tension adjuster.



### EYES

- Place your helmet level on your head so you are able to see the helmet rim when you look up.
- There should be no more than two finger-widths between your eyebrows and the rim of the helmet.



## **EARS**

 Adjust the straps so they make a "Y" that meets just below your ears.



## **MOUTH**

- Adjust the chinstrap so that no more than two fingers fit between the strap and your chin while fastened.
- While snug, you should still be able to open your mouth comfortably while fastened.

## **CHOOSING THE RIGHT HELMET**

Below are suggestions for choosing the right type of helmet for popular activities:



### **Bike Helmet**

- Bicycling
- Scootering
- Skating



### **Multi-Sport Helmet**

- Skateboarding
- Scootering
- Skating

# **TIPS**

- Replace your helmet if it has been in a crash or if it is older than 4 years.
- Never buy a used helmet.
- When it's time for a new helmet, bring your child to choose the right style and fit.
- Look for the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) certification sticker.
- Remove your hat before putting on your helmet.

Now that you know how to properly fit a helmet, wear it on every ride, follow the rules of the road, and have FUN!









