



Office of Homewood Public Safety  
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## PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

To keep you informed:

Recently, there has been an increase in e-scooter and bicycle thefts on and around our campus community and we want to remind everyone to remain vigilant.

If you own an e-scooter or bicycle, please take the necessary precautions to safeguard your property.

- **Always Secure your Bicycle or E-Scooter:** Use a U-type lock for both your e-scooter and bicycle instead of a cable or chain lock. Cable or chain locks can be easily cut, and if not secured tightly, they can be manipulated.
- **Identify Secure Locking Points:** For e-scooters, find the most secure points to run your lock through, such as the folding mechanism or a sturdy frame part. For bicycles, attach the lock through both wheels and the frame to a stationary object, like a bike rack.
- **Lock to Designated Racks:** Always lock your e-scooter or bicycle to a designated bike rack. Avoid locking to handrails, poles, parking posts, or any unsecured structures, as this increases the risk of theft.
- **Use Multiple Locks:** For added security, consider using multiple locks. A combination of a U-type lock and a cable lock can help secure different parts of your e-scooter or bicycle, making it harder for thieves.
- **Remove Accessories:** Take any removable accessories, such as lights, phone mounts, or saddle bags, with you. Leaving these items can make your vehicle more attractive to thieves.
- **Park in Well-Lit, High-Traffic Areas:** Whenever possible, park in areas that are well-lit and frequented by other people. Visibility deters theft.
- **Monitor Your Vehicle:** If you're parked for an extended period, use a GPS tracking device, like a Smart Tag or an Air Tag, for your e-scooter or bicycle. This can help you locate your vehicle if it's stolen.
- **Register Your Bicycle:** Ensure your bicycle's make, model, and serial number are [registered with Johns Hopkins Public Safety](#) to aid in recovery if lost or stolen.
- **Engrave Your Bicycle:** Engraving your bicycle can deter thieves. Mark your identification on the frame and another key component, such as the crank or pedal arm, to help with identification.
- **Avoid Leaving Locked Vehicles Over Breaks:** Do not leave your e-scooter or bicycle locked to racks on campus over academic breaks, as this can increase the risk of theft.

If you notice any unusual activity around e-scooter or bicycle parking areas, report it immediately to Public Safety. Awareness from the community can deter theft attempts. Our department is

increasing patrols in the areas of bike racks, common locations where e-scooters are parked, and main thoroughfares on campus.

Dial 911 for emergencies and call (410) 516 – 4600 to contact Homewood Public Safety directly. You can also communicate with us through the [LiveSafe App](#). By taking these precautions we can help foster a safer and more secure environment for all members of the Homewood community. If you have any questions or need assistance with bicycle registration, please reach out to [Johns Hopkins Public Safety](#).

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