

## Bicycle Rules of the Road

- Always wear a helmet. A serious fall can cause serious brain damage or death.
- Traffic laws apply to you. Obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Walk your bicycle across busy intersections such as crossing Loop 499.
- Ride single file.
- Always look before changing lanes or turning. Use hand signals for turning.
- Use caution when passing parked cars. Doors can open without warning.
- Watch out for potholes, broken glass and other hazards.
- Only ride one to a bicycle seat. Do not allow other riders or large packages on handle bars.
- Do not hold on to moving vehicles.

## Bicycle Theft Locks

- Invest in a good quality lock, but remember that no lock is 100% theft proof.
- Use bicycle racks.
- Secure your bicycle by the frame and NOT by the wheels.
- DO NOT lock bicycles in stairwells, at benches, road signs or trees.
- If you have a quick release seat, take it with you or use a seat lock.



### Police Department

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# Bicycle Registration



# Protect your bicycle



## Why Do I Need to Register My Bicycle?

If your bicycle is missing, the Police Department will have all the necessary information to try to find it, or when it is found it can be returned to the proper owner.

## Where Do I Register My Bicycle?

You can come to the TSTC Police Department and fill out the registration form and get your decal between 8:00am to 5:00pm.

## What Will I Need to Fill Out the Registration Form?

In order to complete the registration form, you will need your physical address (not dorm address), your local and home phone numbers, the make, model, and serial number of your bicycle, and an estimate of its value.

## What Do I Need to Know About My Bicycle's Serial Number?

A serial number is multiple numbers engraved on the bicycle similar to your Social Security number. It is imperative that a serial number be provided in order for the bicycle to be registered. The TSTC Police Department can loan you an engraving machine to place your own number on the bicycle, if necessary.



## Where Do I Put the Decal?

Affix the decal onto the frame of the bicycle, below the seat. See graphic to the left.

## How Long is the Registration Valid?

The registration remains valid for three years. If you remain at TSTC longer than three years, you will need to reregister your bicycle.

## Bicycle Safety

- Choose a bicycle of proper size. You should have a one-to three-inch gap between you and the top bar when standing.
- Regularly inspect your bicycle for safety defects. Check for worn or damaged parts before riding your bicycle.
- Check your brakes for even pressure.
- Make sure the tires are properly inflated.
- Never wear headphones while riding.
- When riding at night, the bicycle should have a lamp on the front of the bicycle that emits a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet.
- Wear light colored clothing at night.
- Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle. The rear reflector must be red and at least three inches wide.

**For more information contact  
the TSTC Police Department**

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Texas State Technical College Police Department personnel are available to assist students/faculty/staff with Operation ID for personal property they may have on the college campus. To schedule an appointment for assistance please call the TSTC Police Department at 956.364.4220.

## Bicycle Registration

The bicycle registration program is a Crime Prevention Program of the TSTC Harlingen Police Department and a free service for students, faculty and staff. A numbered decal will be affixed to your bicycle. A bicycle registration form will be completed noting decal number and the serial number. If the bicycle is stolen and recovered, the owner can be traced through the registered decal number.