

#### Office of the Village Clerk

### **Bicycle License Application**

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#### A separate application must be made for each bicycle

Owner						Date	
Address				Phone		License Number	
Make of Bicycle				Serial Number		Girls	
Wheel Size	□ 16"	□ 20"	□ 24"	□ 26"	□ 27"		,
Color	Frame		Fender		Seat		
Gears	☐ Coaster	Han	d: Front		Rear		
Brakes	☐ Coaster	Han	d: 🗌 Front	☐ Rear			

Village of Oak Park ordinance requires every bicycle to be registered with the Police Department.

# PROTECT YOUR BIKE FROM BEING STOLEN

**LOCK YOUR BIKE -** Bike thieves usually look for an easy mark. Make sure your bike isn't one of them.

Wherever possible, lock it up it to a bike rack or stationary object. Lock back wheel, frame and front wheel. Lock or chain your bike to something solid, not to itself. If you have quick release wheels, take one off the bike and carry it with you. Even if it's in your own yard, someone may take it. Be sure to put it away in it's proper place. Even if you leave for a minute, it can be stolen. Be sure to lock it to something solid. Use a strong lock and cable or chain to secure your bike. Get a good strong lock from a bike dealer and use it every time you leave your bike unattended. Some bike locks even come with a replacement guarantee for a stolen bike. Record the serial number on your bike and keep it in a safe place. Register your bike with the village; it may help to get it back if it is stolen, it will help to apprehend the thief that took it.

### If you are robbed of your bike; call the police immediately. Call 911

Describe the offender in detail to the police. Make sure that you get a good look at the offender.

Describe your bike in detail to the police and supply the serial number and village registration number to the police.

If all the rules are followed, your chances of becoming a victim of theft or robbery will probably decrease.



### VILLAGE OF OAK PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Protect your bicycle from being taken from you

Avoid strangers to your area.

People you don't know may be looking for a bike to steal.

Never let anyone you don't know take your bike for a ride; they may not come back.

Beware of two people on one bike.

One may want your bike.

Avoid areas that are unfamiliar to you. You may become a victim.

Try to stay in the company of your friends. There is safety in numbers.



Wear your bike helmet

#### OBSERVE AND REMEMBER

HOW TO DESCRIBE A PERSON Sex - Male or Female Race

Age

Height - in comparison with your own height, friend, door, etc.

Weight - estimate
Build - fat, husky, slim,
muscular

Hair - color, texture, style,
grooming, length, possible
dyed or wig

Eyes - color, shape, clear or bloodshot

Eyebrows - heavy, light; arched or straight

Complexion - color, acne, razor rash, clean shaven, unshaven

#### CLOTHING

Hat - color, style

Shirt - color, design, sleeves, collar

Coats - style, color, suit coat, jacket, topcoat

Pants - color, style, material

Socks - color, pattern, length

Accessories - sweater, scarf, gloves, necktie

### REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Additional tips

Look for easily spotted, distinguished marks or characteristics such as a tattoo, scar, glasses, limp, facial twitches, etc. Listen for a specific speech and or vocal characteristics, such as an accent, repeated use of certain words or phrases, extremely poor or corrected grammar, etc.



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ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT YOUR RBO