

# West Chicago Police Department Bicycle Registration Program

## Bicycle Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
Make/Brand

\_\_\_\_\_  
Model

\_\_\_\_\_  
Style/Type

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speed/Gears

\_\_\_\_\_  
Color(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gender

\_\_\_\_\_  
Serial Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other identifying features

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bicycle Registration Number



Keep for your records. Store in a safe, secure location.

West Chicago  
Police Department



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## Bicycle Registration Form

For children under 17 years old, please have a parent or guardian complete this form using their information:

### Owner Information

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: Month/Date/Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: Street Number & Street Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

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Serial Number: may be found on frame's neck, seat post, back wheel attachment or under pedal sprocket area.

The West Chicago Police Department will retain this form for two years and then purge, unless otherwise instructed by owner. Participating in the Bicycle Registration Program does not guarantee the recovery of reported lost/stolen bicycle.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Bicycle Registration Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Mail Date

## Why should I register my bike?

If your bike is ever lost or stolen, the West Chicago Police Department will have all the necessary information (make, model, colors, etc.). It will eliminate the need for you to find the paperwork, hunt down serial numbers, etc. The bike can then easily be entered into the law enforcement database.

If your bike is ever found, the owner can quickly be located from the registration sticker number. Thus returning your bike to you in a speedy manner.

## How do I register my bike?

To register your bike, simply complete the registration form on the left side of this brochure page. Bring the completed form to the West Chicago Police Department where you will receive a numbered sticker that you will apply to the registered bike.

It is highly recommended that you complete the bicycle information on the back of this page and attach a photograph of the registered bike. Then keep the paper in a safe, secure location for your personal records.

## What should I do if my bike is lost or stolen?

If your bike is ever lost or stolen, you should report it to your local law enforcement agency. This way the bike's information can be entered into the law enforcement database.

If you are in West Chicago when the bike is lost or stolen, call 9-1-1 immediately! Have all of the bike's information and the registration sticker number with you to give to the responding police officer.

## Bicycle Tips

- Always inspect your bicycle before you go for a ride.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- Never ride more than 2 (two) people next to each other.
- Never hang onto a moving vehicle while on a bicycle.
- Always wear white and/or reflective clothes so other bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers can see you.
- Ride your bicycle as close to the right edge as possible.
- ALWAYS ride in the same direction as motor vehicle traffic.
- Remember to obey ALL traffic laws, signs and signals when on a bicycle.
- Yield the right of way to all pedestrians.
- Learn and use hand signals to be used when turning and stopping.
- Slow down at all intersections and railroad crossings.
- Avoid riding a bicycle at night time. If you do decide to ride after dark, make sure your bicycle has a headlight and taillight or reflector.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars at all times, unless displaying a hand signal.
- Never ride with another person or while carrying onto any objects (use backpack or bicycle carrier).
- ALWAYS secure your bicycle to a fixed object with a chain and a lock.
- NEVER leave your bicycle in the street, front yard or sidewalk. Properly store it in a garage, shed, etc.
- Report any lost or stolen bicycles to the police right away.