

## Bicycle Safety Tips

### **Please Obey All Traffic Laws:**

In NJ, bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as motor vehicles.

Always ride on the right hand side of the road in single file.

Always ride in the same direction as traffic.

### **Wear your helmet, it's the Law!**

In NJ all young people under the age of 17 are required to wear a helmet. It's for your own safety! Please make sure it fits properly.

### **Is your Bicycle working properly?**

Inspect your bike before each ride to make sure it is in good shape.

### **Are you prepared for your ride?**

Be sure to dress properly for the ride. Wear comfortable clothes. Bring a beverage and a snack for energy.

### **Are you handy? It might help!**

Learn how to make minor repairs to your bicycle, like fixing a flat tire or adjusting the chain. Keep a tool kit and spare tube handy for those long rides.

### **Are you riding at night?**

Make sure your bike is equipped with a white light on the front and red light on the rear. A full set of reflectors should also be on your bike. This is for your own safety!

Lastly, ride your bicycle with friends. It's safer & more fun that way!

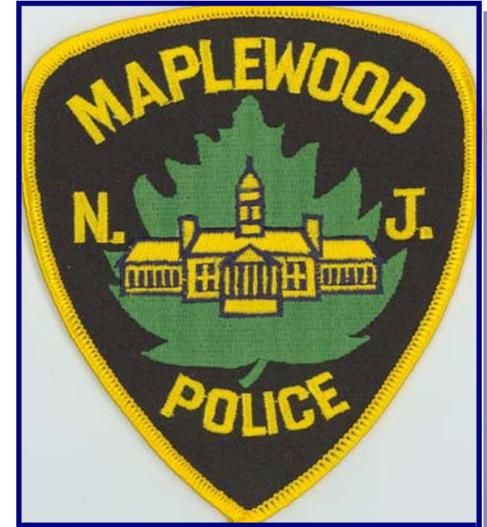


**Jim Devaul  
Chief of Police**

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and work.

Please report all suspicious persons or  
activity to the Police Immediately.

**Dial 911 for All Emergencies**  
973-762-3400 (non-emergency)



## Security Tips



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# Bicycle Security Tips

## It's your bicycle, protect it!

Please keep a record of the bike's make, model and serial number. It can usually be located on the bottom of the frame between the pedals.

If your bicycle doesn't have a serial number

where the serial number would normally be by engraving your initials or a four-digit number of your choice.

## Park it and Lock it up!

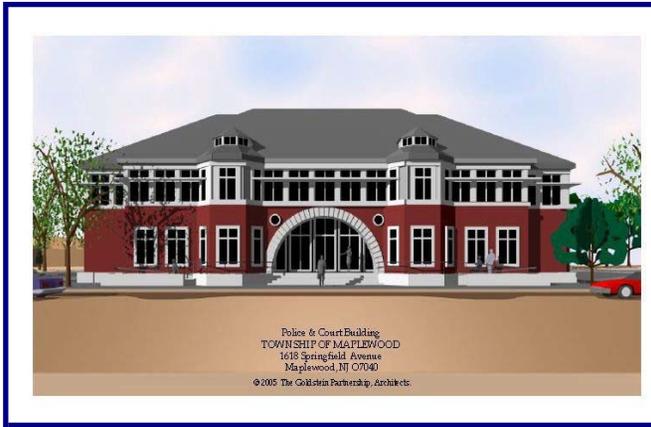
Choose a well lit open area to secure your bicycle. Always secure your bicycle frame to a bicycle rack or other immovable object such as a telephone pole. A hardened "U" shaped locking device is recommended as most locking cables or chains can be more easily cut. The use of a secondary lock is recommended to secure the rear wheel to the frame.

Remember, all locks can be defeated. Try to make it more difficult for a thief



## Take photos of the bicycle!

Just in case....a photo of the bike could be very helpful to prove ownership and assist in locating it in the event that it is stolen.



## The Maplewood Police want to help! Call us immediately if

### Bicycle theft is a crime of opportunity.

Unfortunately, we can't prevent all bicycle theft. The information found in this leaflet will hopefully reduce the chances that your bike may be stolen.

Working together, our goal is to discourage a "would-be thief" from committing the crime at all. This can be accomplished by reducing a thief's chances of success and increasing the likelihood of being caught.



*worth a pound of cure."* -

**Register your bicycle with the Maplewood Police or where you live. Its fast, free and easy!**

## How do I register my bicycle with the Maplewood Police?

# It's Easy!

Call the Youth Aid Bureau to schedule an appointment. 973-762-3400 ext. 7928

The Police Department will be periodically scheduling Bicycle registrations at the Train Station and the Maplewood Pool.

Log onto the Police Department Website to check for up-coming dates.

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Record the information here Make \_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Serial# \_\_\_\_\_

MPD Registration# \_\_\_\_\_

Description \_\_\_\_\_

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