

Facilities Services Abandoned Bike Policy

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Introduction

The University of Chicago has made a commitment to become a more bicycle-friendly campus. As a part of this commitment, and in an effort to support the City of Chicago's aim to become a leading city for cyclists, Facilities Services has established an [Abandoned Bike Policy](#).

Policy

Any abandoned or improperly locked bike is subject to removal by Facilities Services. The impounded bicycle will be stored at the Young Building, 5555 S. Ellis Avenue, for 10 business days. After 10 business days, the bicycle will be donated to charity.

Purpose

This policy is intended to help maintain the safety and beauty of the University of Chicago's campus, to manage the capacity of existing bike racks by removing abandoned bikes, and to ensure accessible walks and ramps are maintained.

Process

Abandoned bicycles and bicycles found secured to any object other than the University-maintained bicycle racks are subject to removal by Facilities Services. A tag, advising the owner of the reason for removal, is left at the site of removal; the bicycle is brought to the Young Building, 5555 S. Ellis Avenue. A record of the impounded bicycle is made and shared with the UCPD, in the event that an owner reports their bicycle as stolen. Bikes are stored for 10 business days and during that time may be reclaimed by calling 773-834-1414 or by bringing the removal site tag to the Young Building reception area on the 1st floor. If the bicycle is not claimed within 10 business days it will be donated to charity.

While Facilities Services regularly removes improperly locked or abandoned bikes throughout the year, two formal campus bike sweeps take place annually—at the conclusion of Fall Quarter and prior to Spring Convocation.

To report abandoned or improperly locked bikes, or to request additional bike racks, please telephone the FS Service Center at 773-834-1414.

For more information about cycling on campus, [click here](#).

