

## Bicycle Tips

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- **ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET WHEN RIDING A BICYCLE.**
- **ALWAYS RIDE IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC.**
- **ALWAYS OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS, SIGNS AND SIGNALS.**
- Always inspect your bicycle before you go for a ride.
- Never ride more than two people next to each other.
- Never hang onto a moving vehicle while on a bike.
- 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.
- 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, a taillight, and reflectors.
- Keep both hands on the handlebars at all times, unless using hand signals.
- Never ride with another person or while carrying any objects in your hands or arms. Use a backpack or bicycle carrier.
- Always secure your bicycle to a fixed object with a chain and 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.



### PETALUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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[cityofpetaluma.net/police/pdf/bicycle-registration.pdf](http://cityofpetaluma.net/police/pdf/bicycle-registration.pdf)



## PETALUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT Bicycle Registration

### How Registration Works

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#### Why should I register my bike?

If your bike is ever lost or stolen, then Petaluma Police Department will have all the necessary information. This will allow the bike to easily be entered into the law enforcement database. If your bike is found and the registration sticker is in place, your contact information can quickly be located from the sticker number, thus helping to return your bike to you.

#### How do I register my bike?

Bicycle registration with the Petaluma Police Department is available to residents of Petaluma. Simply complete this registration form and bring the completed form to the Petaluma Police Department where you will receive a numbered sticker that you will apply to 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?

Make a report to the local law enforcement agency in the city where it happened. If you are in Petaluma when the bike is lost or stolen, report it online at [cityofpetaluma.net/police/crimereport.html](http://cityofpetaluma.net/police/crimereport.html) or call 707-778-4372. Have all the bike information and the registration sticker number with you to include in the report.

### Lock Your Bike Right!

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Use a U-lock and/or heavy chain to secure your bicycle to a fixed object. Never walk away from your unlocked bicycle, even for just a moment.



# Bicycle Registration Form

## Owner Information

Must be a Petaluma resident and 18 years of age or older (or parent/guardian of minor) to register a bicycle with the Petaluma Police Department.

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

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

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address (no PO Boxes) \_\_\_\_\_

City   PETALUMA   State   CA   Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Bicycle Information

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

Model \_\_\_\_\_

Style/Type \_\_\_\_\_ Speed/Gears \_\_\_\_\_

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

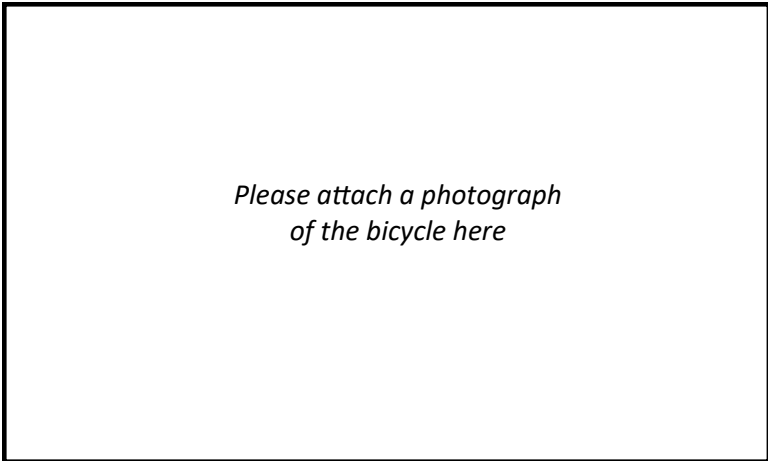
Frame Size \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*Petaluma PD Use Only*  
**REGISTRATION NUMBER:**

Please keep a copy of this form for your records.



### Locating your Serial Number

Most serial numbers are located under the bottom bracket where the two pedal cranks meet. If it's not there, check the other most common areas indicated in the diagram below. A serial number or other owner-applied engraved number is required for bicycle registration.

### Measuring your Frame Size

The frame size is measured from the top of the seat tube to the center of the bottom bracket.

### Applying your Registration Sticker

Clean the area to which the registration sticker is to be applied. Apply the sticker to a location which avoids wear and weather, makes removal difficult, and is visible to deter potential thieves, such as the top of the top tube beneath the seat or the back of the seat tube. Be sure not to apply the sticker to the removable seat post, and do not cover the serial number.

