

## **Abandoned Bicycles**

**With the regular "turnover" of the University of San Francisco population, it's inevitable that over time, some bikes will be abandoned or left unsecured.**

As the campus has grown, the number of bicycles has increased – both those being used for transportation and those discarded when their owners leave U.S.F.

Not only do abandoned bicycles represent an eyesore, but they take up valuable bicycles parking spaces, may present tripping hazards, and most importantly tempt thieves.

D.P.S. personnel regularly patrol the campus and impound bicycles. Typically, warning notices are affixed to the bikes in advance of their impoundment. If the bicycle is not removed within 14 days, the department will impound it without further notice. This abatement process is performed in student living areas and other areas of campus on an ongoing basis. The Department of Public Safety has the sole authority to determine whether a bicycle is abandoned. A bicycle is determined to be abandoned when it is found in the same location over an extended period of time (generally two weeks or more) with any combination of missing parts, covered in dust or cobwebs covered, with flat tires, and rusted chains. The Department of Public Safety will dispose of the bicycle after holding it for ninety (90) days. The Department of Public Safety is not responsible for the cost of locks, chains, other security devices, or any other item that may be damaged or destroyed as a result of removing any bicycle. The Department of Public Safety has no responsibility or liability to replace or make compensation for such items.

Most unclaimed bicycles are donated to various charitable groups or organizations.

Students, staff and faculty who no longer want their bicycles are encouraged to remove them from campus property. There are many options for their disposal:

- If the bicycle is in reasonably good condition, consider donating it to a local thrift shop.
- Local bike shops that sell used bicycle may also be interested in taking your bike.
- The Salvation Army with three locations in San Francisco takes many donated bicycles for eventual refurbishment or as parts sources.

For additional information please contact the Department of Public Safety (415) 422-4201.

**Please don't abandon your bike. Others may find uses for it and your fellow cyclists will appreciate the vacant bicycle parking space!**