



Choosing the Right Security Solution

Comprehensive Bicycle Parking

A comprehensive bicycle parking program must provide two levels of parking to match cyclist's needs. Basic bike parking is typically a bike rack on the sidewalk for short-term parking, ideally no more than 30 to 45 feet from the building entrance. Short-term parking will accommodate customers, visitors, and other cyclists who are parking for no more than one to two hours.

An additional level of service is required for long-term bike parking, geared to employees, students, residents and others who will be parking for more than two hours. This parking should provide a secure, weather-protected location on the building site. These facilities can include bicycle racks in a monitored area, a limited-access room or garage and bicycle lockers.

Why Bike to Work or School?

Factors that could impact if a person would ride to work or school:

- Is there a safe route to get to the destination?
- Will the person be taking multiple modes of transportation?
- How long will they be parking their bike? Short term (less than 2 hours) or long term (more than 2 hours)
- What additional options are available for transportation? (ex: bus, metro, trains, etc.)
- Does the bus service have a transport device for bikes on their buses?
- Is there secure short term and long term parking available at the bus station, metro station or train station?
- Is there convenient and secure parking at the workplace or school? (short term and long term)
- Are there convenient showers and changing facilities at the workplace or school?

Cyclists who bike to work, to school or for other purposes need more than safe and convenient routes to their destinations. Equally important, they need secure a place to park their bicycles when they arrive, whether it is for five minutes or the whole day.

Bicycle commuters also need convenient access to a shower and changing facilities. The absence of these supportive facilities is a deterrent to using a bicycle for everyday transportation.