

UC Irvine

Police Department

Crime Alert

Stolen Motor Vehicles: Electric Bicycles and Electric Scooters

In accordance with the [Clery Act](#) and to allow community members to make informed decisions about safety, we are sending this crime alert to our campus community. The Clery Act defines electric bicycles and electric scooters as motor vehicles (self-propelled vehicle that runs on land surface).

UCIPD observed a pattern of thefts from October 3, 2025 through December 11, 2025 regarding electric bicycles and electric scooters. These vehicles are being taken from bike racks at UCI Student Housing Communities. Thefts are also occurring on campus, in areas such as, Social Sciences Quad, Biological Sciences Quad, Arts Quad, Langson Library, and Student Center.

If you have information that could be helpful in this investigation, please contact the UCI Police Department at [949-824-5223](tel:949-824-5223).

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious activity to UCIPD immediately - race, gender, and religious affiliation are not considered suspicious.

Safety Tips

- Only use designated bike racks. Lock your bike to a permanent, anchored bike rack around campus. Do not lock to small trees, handrails, posts, or chain link fences. For a map of bike rack locations, click [here](#).
- Using two strong locks helps deter bike theft. Use a U-lock to secure the rear wheel and frame to the bike rack. Wrap a cable lock around the front wheel, frame, and bike rack.
- If possible, avoid leaving your electric bicycle or electric scooter outside at night.
- Register your electric bicycles, electric scooters and bicycles with 529 Garage [here](#).
- Do not leave your electric scooter or bike unattended while charging in your

residence to avoid accidental fires.

Sincerely,

Liz Griffin

Chief of Police

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UCI Crime Alerts are released by the UCI Police Department when certain crimes are reported on or near UCI property, in compliance with federal law. These Crime Alerts provide information about campus safety situations and allow campus community members to take precautions for personal safety.

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