

### U-Lock It or Lose It: Thumbs Up Activity

Teachers read each statement to the class about using bike locks and students respond with either a thumbs up, it's safe, or thumbs down, it's unsafe. If the answer is unsafe, ask the class why.

1. **Locking your bike frame to a bike rack.**  
 Safe
2. **Locking only the front wheel to the bike rack.**  
 Unsafe - The rear wheel and the bike frame should be locked to the rack.
3. **Locking your bike to a strong bike rack in a busy area.**  
 Safe
4. **Locking your bike to a thin wooden fence.**  
 Unsafe - The fence could be broken easily leading to theft of the bicycle.
5. **Checking your lock then walking away.**  
 Safe
6. **Leaving extra space in the U-lock.**  
 Unsafe - Extra space makes it easier for a thief to cut through the metal.
7. **Locking your bike frame and rear wheel to a road sign.**  
 Unsafe - Locking both the frame and rear wheel is good but you should not lock your bike to a road sign as it will be at risk for removal by the city.
8. **Not locking your bike at all because you will only be gone for a minute.**  
 Unsafe - Bike thefts can happen in seconds
9. **Using a cable lock through the frame and wheel instead of a U-Lock.**  
 Safe - Cable locks are effective at preventing theft when used properly.
10. **Locking your bike to a small tree.**  
 Unsafe - The tree could easily be cut.
11. **Locking your bike frame and wheel, but your bike is old and rusty.**  
 Safe
12. **Properly locking your bike to a bike rack then hiding the key in your bike's basket.**  
 Unsafe - Someone could easily find the key. Always keep the key on you or in your backpack.
13. **You ask your friend to watch your bike for you instead of locking it.**  
 Unsafe - People can get distracted and thieves won't hesitate to still take the bike.
14. **You lock the bike properly but instead of using a bike rack or pole, you lock it to yourself.**  
 Unsafe - You are now stuck!
15. **You lock your bike perfectly... then remember you walked to school today.**  
 Safe - Your invisible bike is extremely safe.