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Eliminate Bicycle Theft at UBC Student Residence

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# INTRODUCTION

This report is to bring awareness to the bicycle theft the residents of UBC Student Family Housing are facing. On average, there are 3 bicycles being stolen a month which are shocking statistics considering that on the whole, Acadia Park is a very safe and secure community to reside in.

## BACKGROUND

Cycling is one of the most popular forms of transport in Metro Vancouver. It is quick, healthy and affordable for many of the city residents. It is also a great alternative to a car and is environmentally friendly.

### CYCLING AS A STUDENT

As a student, cycling can provide many benefits. It is a quick means of transport to and from classes, it is a great way to squeeze exercise in a busy day and it is fairly affordable as compared to the insurance, maintenance and parking fees of a car. Hence over half the population of UBC uses cycles as its mode of transportation.

### UBC STUDENT HOUSING- STUDENT FAMILY RESIDENCE

The UBC Student Family housing consists of Acadia Park which is a collection of 8 residences, having a common block and their own gym and residence life manager.

#### APRA

APRA stands for the Acadia Park Residents Association. It is a body of individuals who are elected every year and they manage the day to day running and discussion matters in Acadia Park.

#### RESIDENCES IN ACADIA PARK

Acadia Park is comprised of eight residences, ranging from apartment buildings to townhouses. They are as follows:

* Sopron House
* Point Grey Apartments
* So on so forth

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

UBC has provided bicycle lockers and cages throughout the campus, but even though Acadia Park is a part of the campus boundary, there are no secure bicycle cages or lockers. Hence residents are forced to secure their bicycles wherever they seem suitable, which is leading to bicycle theft in the neighbourhood.

## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to bring awareness to this issue and help prepare for the next steps to be taken to ensure bicycle security in Acadia Park.

## DATA SOURCES

Data Sources are surveys conducted on UBC survey tool which cover a wide range of questions to get to the root of this issue.

# DATA SECTION

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

### LOCATIONS TO SECURE BICYCLE

Bicycle securing locations are scattered around campus, specially near the hostels and common areas. There is a lack of bicycle securing locations at Acadia Park.

### ACADIA PARK POPULATION COMPARED TO REST OF THE CAMPUS

Acadia Park has a significant population right now in 2020 as people live here with their families. Hostels are cleared out, hence there is a shift in population density of UBC.

### TRENDS IN BICYCLE THEFT

As of 2020, bicycle theft has become increasingly frequent in Acadia Park, with as much as 4-5 bicycles being stolen every month.

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

A proposed solution is to have a bicycle locker for every 2 residences, with a 24/7 CCTV on them.

## SURVEY AMONG RESIDENTS

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### POPULAR BICYCLE SECURING SPOTS

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