



BALLINGER POLICE DEPARTMENT BICYCLE REGISTRATION FORM

Today, the number of bicycles in use in the United States exceeds 120 million. The theft rate for all bicycles owned is approximately 5.5%, which means there are approximately 5,500,000 stolen annually or 15,068 stolen daily. Using a low average cost of a bicycle at \$100, the national cost to consumers who have lost or who have had their bicycle stolen is over \$550,000,000 annually. Only 4.1 million are recovered by Law Enforcement Agencies. Of those recovered, only 2 to 5% are returned to the lawful owner. You may ask why the return rate is so low...the reason is the owners can't give the police the brand name, model, and serial number of their bicycles; therefore, the stolen bicycle cannot be entered into the national database as stolen or, if the bike is located, it can't be positively identified. If bicycle owners were to write down this information, the return rate would substantially increase. The Ballinger Police Department recognizes the ongoing problem of bicycle thefts. We have established this bicycle registration program to assist officers with returning stolen or lost bikes to their rightful owners.

Ballinger PD Bike Registration Program How Does the Program Work?

First: Complete the information on this form. Keep the top copy in a safe place where you can easily get to it in a case of an emergency. Cut off the bottom copy and provide it to the Ballinger Police Department, 106 N. 9th, Ballinger, Texas 76821 who will also take a photograph of the bicycle for the file.

Second: The Ballinger Police Department will place the registration sticker, with permanent adhesive, on the bicycle frame on the underside of the top tube directly behind the head tube. The sticker should be placed where it can be seen but does not affect the aesthetic of the bicycle.

Third: In the event of bicycle loss, contact the police department to file a report. Have your copy of the registration form available. If you are unable to find your copy, the police department will be able to look up your bicycle registration information. A police report will be filed and your bicycle will be entered into the national computer data base as a stolen bicycle.

Fourth: If the bicycle is ever transferred ownership it is of paramount importance the Ballinger Police Department is notified as soon as possible to ensure the registration database remains accurate and up to date.

Remember: Always wear a helmet. Use proper lights and reflectors. Follow bicycle safety laws.

Bicycle Registration Form Ballinger Police Department

Owner Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone: () _____ Bicycle Make: _____

Bike Model: _____ Bike Serial Number: _____

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