

## **Abandoned Bike Policy at UW-Milwaukee**

### Policy

Bikes which are legally parked on all UWM property (except branch campuses) are subject to removal if they meet the following criteria as abandoned.

Criteria for assessing whether or not a bike is abandoned would have to meet two of these criteria.

- Flat or missing tire(s) and wheel(s)
- Extensive rust, particularly the bike chain
- Missing seat, handle bars, front fork, or pedals
- Dusty, covered in debris and/or cobwebs

Such bikes will be tagged and then revisited 21 days later. Customers should remove the tag from the bike to verify it is not abandoned. If the tags are not removed from the bike within 21 days after tagging, UWM staff will remove and impound such bikes. UWM is not responsible for damage to bicycles, locks or cables during the bike pick up of abandoned or improperly stored bicycles.

### Process

- 1) Transportation Services will be responsible for tagging/stickering any suspect abandoned bikes on UWM property based on the criteria of the policy. All bikes tagged will be put in a log with photo.
- 2) Those not removed within 21 days will then be removed for impound. Facility Services will be responsible for physically removing the bikes. All locks will be cut.
- 3) University Police will run any serial #'s to verify if the bike was stolen. Any bike licenses will be reviewed for ownership.
- 4) Bike will be stored at impound within Surplus Property for 30 days.
- 5) At the end of the 30 day impound, Surplus Property will be responsible for recycling or donating any left behind abandoned bikes.