

Seatylock Addresses E-Bike Security Gaps for Bike Owners Relying on Chain Locks After Residential Thefts

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Following a series of reported e-bike thefts from residential storage areas in October 2026, Seatylock has issued guidance addressing a common consumer misconception: that a locked garage, security gate, surveillance camera, or alarm provides sufficient protection for a high-value electric bicycle.

On October 14, 2026, FOX 4 reported that four e-bikes valued at approximately $7,600 were stolen from an apartment parking garage in Fort Worth, Texas, during two separate incidents in September. Days later, on October 17, WSVN reported that an e-bike was taken from a Fort Lauderdale residential carport even though an audible alarm sounded during the theft. These incidents illustrate a wider point that security experts have long emphasized: controlled access and physical protection of the bike itself serve different functions and work best in combination.

The concern is supported by independent research. A January 2025 peer-reviewed study published in

Findings estimated approximately 2.4 million adult bicycle thefts annually in the United States. Among 91 location-classified incidents within the active-cyclist sample, 14.3 percent occurred in garages, bike rooms, or storage rooms, while 44 percent occurred in yards, balconies, porches, or patios. These figures describe the study sample rather than national location-specific rates, but they indicate that residential settings are not immune to theft.

Seatylock, which manufactures the Viking chain-lock family in Silver and Gold models across multiple lengths, points to four principles that determine whether a chain lock performs as intended. A bike stored in a garage should still be secured to a fixed ground or wall anchor so it cannot be lifted and carried away. Chain thickness, hardened steel construction, lockhead design, length, and independent certification each affect practical resistance. The chain should be routed tightly through the frame and an immovable anchor, limiting slack and ground contact that attackers can exploit as leverage. Alarms and cameras function as supporting layers rather than substitutes for physical locking.

The company has published detailed technical resources on these topics, including the Seatylock Bike Chain Locks Guide, which explains chain construction, locking reach, and anchor selection for everyday riders.

"A camera records a theft, and an alarm announces one, but neither physically stops a bike from being removed," said Michael Shenkerman of Seatylock. "The missing layer in many residential setups is a certified chain secured to a fixed anchor. That is why the Seatylock Guide to Secure Chain Locking emphasizes anchoring, correct routing, and the removal of slack."

Shenkerman added that higher-value electric bikes warrant a matched approach to security rating and locking technique. "Owners often underestimate how much the locking method itself contributes to protection," he said. "The Seatylock E-Bike Chain Lock Guide walks riders through matching chain length to the actual locking path rather than defaulting to the longest or heaviest option available."

Founded in 2008, Seatylock is a design-led mobility security brand that produces independently certified bike locks and related products, including folding locks, U-locks, chain locks, and seat-lock hybrids. The company designs, produces, and assembles its products in-house and holds patents across multiple international jurisdictions. Its locks carry independent certifications including Sold Secure and ART, and its product design work has been recognized with IF Design, Red Dot, and European Product Design awards.

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