



# Abbotsford Police Department

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Incident: Abbotsford Police Department Partners with 529 Garage Bike Registry**

The Abbotsford Police Department has partnered with 529 Garage bike registry to help reunite stolen bicycles with their owners! 187 bikes have been reported stolen in Abbotsford so far this year, and many bikes have been recovered by police. However, without a way to identify the recovered bicycles, returning them to their owners is challenging!

Help protect your bike by:

- Registering your bicycle with the 529 Garage bike registry – registration is free and takes only minutes to complete.
- Affixing a 529 Garage decal to your bike to discourage thieves.
- Safely storing or locking up your bike.

In the event your registered bike goes missing, you'll have everything you need to advise the police and significantly increase the likelihood of your recovered bike being returned to you. Police officers are able to check the 529 Garage app roadside to see if a bike is stolen.

**The fee for the 529 Garage Shield (decal) is usually \$12.99, but is waived when you register through the AbbyPD.**

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**To get started:**

Step 1: Access the 529 Garage bike registry online or download the app, and create a login.

Step 2: Register your bike.

Step 3: Add photos of your bike.

Step 4: Place a 529 Garage decal on your bike as a warning that your bike is registered with law enforcement. You are done!

**There are two ways to register:**

1. Bring your bike to an AbbyPD registration event for photos and to pick up a decal (while supplies last). You must have an email address to register. The next registration event will take place on November 24th in the Canadian Tire parking lot (South Fraser Way and Garden Street) between 11 am and 3 pm.
2. Register online at [www.project529.com/abbotsford](http://www.project529.com/abbotsford) and pick up a decal from the AbbyPD Operations Support Branch at Unit 105 – 34194 Marshall Road.



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