Due to its design and construction, it is very difficult to break. Case-hardened chain is most effective, but there is almost no practical chain which cannot be clipped. With this lock, and a short length of chain, the thief might be discouraged by the great length of time necessary to get your bike. Again, if they want it, they'll get it. So don't buy any more bike than you need.

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What plans are being made to improve the theft prevention system at MIT? There is currently a big push being made to provide more inside parking space for bicycles. The Planning Office is co-operating with us at this time, and has already set aside an area inside the Building 13 basement. They are also locking very seriously for some inside basement locations at those dormitories which are being hit hardest by bike thieves. There is one outside location that I hope we will see some action on this year; it's the parking lot-baggage area between Buildings 3 and 5. Currently there are small, ineffective grass plots there, which would make good bike parking areas. The courtyard is enclosed, and almost nothing stops a bike thief more than being boxed in."

Is there any other potential theft prevention mechanisms being considered? "This office is looking for some method of distinctly marking MIT bicycles. The idea we have in mind is some kind of metal stamp with which the initials "MIT" could be stamped in bike frames. Possibly the area so marked could be painted with some kind of fluorescent paint, to make it more easily identifiable from a distance. The problem so far is that we have not yet been able to come up with an easy-to-use stamp that does not ruin the bike frame. Hopefully, people will see this and give us some assistance. It might just reduce the number of bike thefts around here, if it works."

"Among other things, we have thought of putting signs by the cases asking anyone who can assist us. It might just reduce the number of bike thefts around here, if it works."

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