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#### TINNITUS

Or ringing in the ears, does not cause hearing disorders, it may accompany decreased hearing and other ear symptoms such as pressure, unsteadiness or dizziness. Often, it occurs alone.

Tinnitus arising from the inner ear frequently indicates more permanent and serious disease. Exposure to a sudden loud noise a gunshot or explosion, for example results in tinnitus that subsides to a low level of ringing for an extended period of time. Disorders affecting the cochlea (hearing center) of the inner ear can cause tinnitus. To find out more about this common problem call...

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## REGISTER BIKES TO PUT BRAKES ON RISING THEFTS: POLICE

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Halton police are encouraging residents to register their bicycles for an easier return, if stolen.

The department has partnered with 529 Garage in April 2021 to introduce a bike registration app aimed at reuniting theft victims with their stolen property while preventing future incidents, said Frank Trasmundi, Community Mobilization Bureau Acting Sergeant.

"Bike theft is predominately a crime of opportunity, so it's essentially about reducing that opportunity," said Trasmundi. "This can be achieved by ensuring garages are kept closed, bikes aren't visible from the sidewalk or roadway and are left in areas that are visible to owners. In addition, when locking a bike ensure that this is done so it's secured to a solid structure and a portion of the bike that can't be removed or manipulated which would allow for the lock to be

compromised."

529 Garage is an application that connects the user, other cyclists, police, and local bicycle shops in the event a bicycle is stolen. Nearly 1,500 bikers have been registered since the program launch in Halton.

Cities that actively use 529 Garage have seen up to 40 per cent decline in bike theft, states the Project 529 web-

"A drop in occurrences (of bike thefts) was observed from 2019 into 2020, which carried on into 2021." Trasmundi said. However, the numbers are climbing back up this year.

Trasmundi said around 120 bike thefts were reported in 2019 followed by nearly 80 thefts in 2020 and 53 in

This year Halton has already seen close to 85 bike thefts.

To register, download the 529 Garage app and upload contact details, bicycle serial number and photos. Registrations can also be made on the 529 Garage website.

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