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# **SEE WHAT'S WORKING**

Millennials are a challenging audience for financial services marketers – often proving to be contradictory to previous generations in what works, and what doesn't.

We've gathered examples from FIs that are taking the right steps, putting together marketing efforts that acknowledge and capitalize on the differences in how Millennials react to information.



# **SEE WHAT'S WORKING**

# The following pages include examples from leading FIs that are successfully:

- Infusing their marketing with a fresh vibe
- Creating disruption in the product landscape
- Building loyalty and using customer reviews to stand out
- Tapping into key influencers, seasonality, and social media
- Realizing the power of direct mail
- ...and more



**Chase** starts by combining an unexpected product name with appealing visuals.

- All messaging effectively addresses prepaid card pain points in a way that likely appeals to Millennials – short, to the point, clear.
- The CTA drives on-line for more information while also providing a push to branch (Millennials appreciate branch service.)



#### Discover the advantages of Chase Liquid

Chase Liquid is backed by the strength of Chase, which gives you convenience, security and innovative solutions. Here's all that's waiting for you right now with Chase Liquid:

Use it for purchases: it's safer than carrying cash and accepted almost everywhere

Access your money: at more than 17,500 Chase ATMs and 5,500 Chase branches

Go online to **chase.com/liquid** to learn more. Or visit a branch to get your reloadable Chase Liquid Card today.

#### Enjoy 24/7 convenience:

load your Chase Liquid Card or withdraw cash easily at Chase ATMs

Get financial control: with Chase Liquid you spend what you

load on your card

Know your balance: monitor your Chase Liquid balance by phone or online





**Capital One 360** carefully walks the line between too much humor and taking a fresh approach. This piece successfully uses unexpected messaging to heighten the key benefits of products and services. The approach is simple yet highly effective.



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With this investment messaging from **Alliant bank**, there's no confusion surrounding who the product promotion is targeting. It takes a head-on approach to persuading older Millennials that investing is for them.



Alliant Credit Union January 30 at 2:50am · 🛞

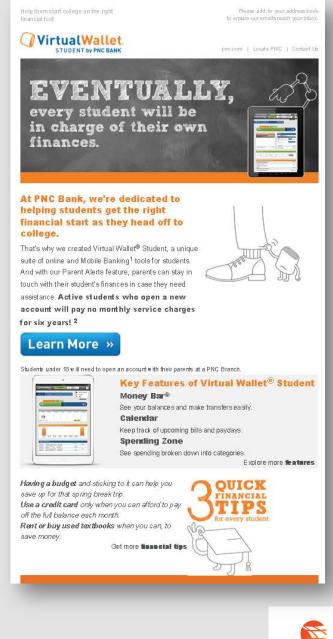
30 may be the new 20, but you should still plan for when you're 70. Check out our must-read retirement planning tips for our 30-somethings fans: http://alliantcu.us/1CvgRia





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Virtual Wallet Student uses whimsical visuals and a future-facing positioning – "Eventually every student will be in charge..." – to quickly resonate with Millennials.





**SunTrust** is taking on the relatively new P2P payment space geared toward the Millennial needs and acceptance mindset – it's non-traditional, easy and digital. Here, the PSP is successfully promoted using e-mail communication that is more likely to be opened and read.

 Note the effective subject line and reinforcement of "free" benefit throughout.





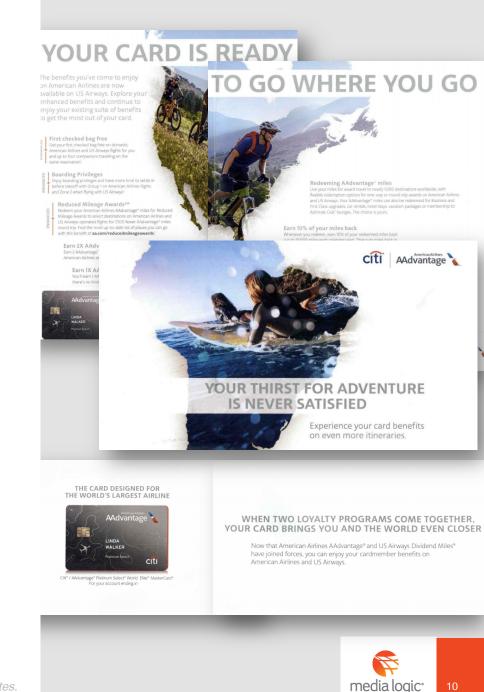
**Discover** uses a light-hearted approach to thank cardmembers for making Discover their go-to card. The "Smile. You earned it." headline works to reinforce the earning power of the card and promote continued use.

- Using candid imagery appeals to Millennials' very visual mindset.
- Reinforcing that Discover is #1 in cardmembers' wallets and then rewarding them with a \$300 bonus gives Millennials extra incentive to spend – and earn – with Discover.



The Citi AAdvantage Card marketing targets Millennials' "thirst for adventure," positioning the card as their ticket to travel the world.

The piece includes visuals that Millennials can relate to and want to emulate.



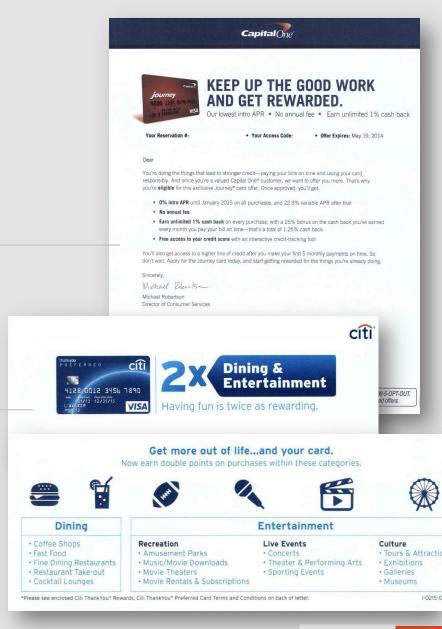
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## **CREATE DISRUPTION IN PRODUCT LANDSCAPE**

Credit Card Marketing presents challenges as Millennial preference shifts to other payment products:

Capital One's approach succeeds by combining real personalization (We know you...) with cause/effect messaging focused on the idea that "good behavior gets you a rewards credit card."

**Citi** credit card marketing recognizes that double points can be an attractive benefit. It's even better when you remind Millennials that you can earn them at places the really frequent - from coffee shops to cocktail lounges (a first in DM messaging card marketing history!)





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The Citi Double Cash Card and the Amex Blue Cash EveryDay Card disrupt the traditional reward product value proposition.

They use direct mail that works hard to shift Millennial everyday spend from prepaid or debit cards to credit cards with rich rewards and simple earning structures: "earn cash back (twice with the Citi Double Card) on the things you purchase most."



## **CREATE DISRUPTION IN PRODUCT LANDSCAPE**

**BB&T LEAP** is a prepaid card that targets younger Millennials and their parents – a smart strategy given current research that indicates Millennials prefer prepaid products over products that have the potential to land them in debt (credit).



Video frames taken from BBT.com



## **BUILD LOYALTY FOR LIFE**

**Discover** is wisely thinking beyond current age/status – being the first card in wallet has proven to engender brand loyalty (as the primary messaging suggests).

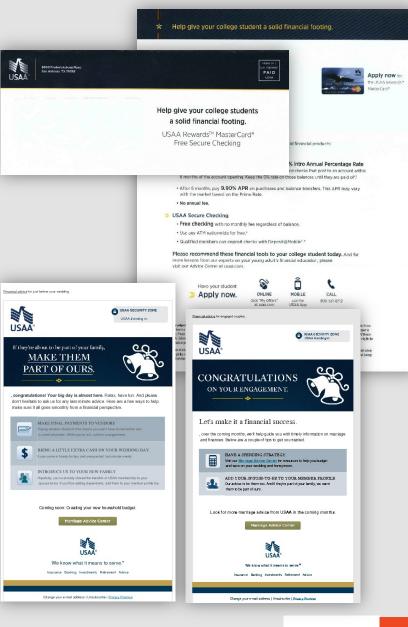
- "Reasons" work to encapsulate the story for all segments – including Millennials!
- The power of visuals includes charts that are telegraphic – no effort required!
- FIs will naturally try to be "cool" Here, Discover's attempt rings true amongst the segment (yes, a retro card design passes the test).





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**USAA** takes a life stage approach – from targeting parents of college students with credit building products, to targeting newlyweds with reminders of useful services and the ability to add additional members in household USAA relationship.



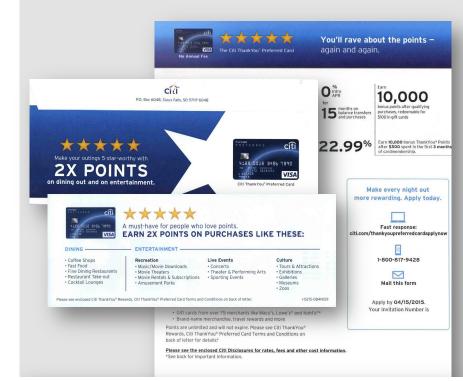


## **CUSTOMER REVIEWS ARE** A 5-STAR WAY TO STAND OUT

Millennials are socially connected and put high value on family and friends' opinions and experiences with brands.

Customer ratings and reviews can be a smart strategy for pointing out your superiority allowing others to promote your brand:

- Actual customer reviews are best
- Next Best: customer quotes with no attribution



#### Amazon.com Rewards Visa Card from Chase

#### "I love this card!

It is like a surprise when I shop on Amazon, and there are rewards waiting for me, and with one push of a button, I can use the rewards!! Great idea... Keeps me coming back to Amazon."

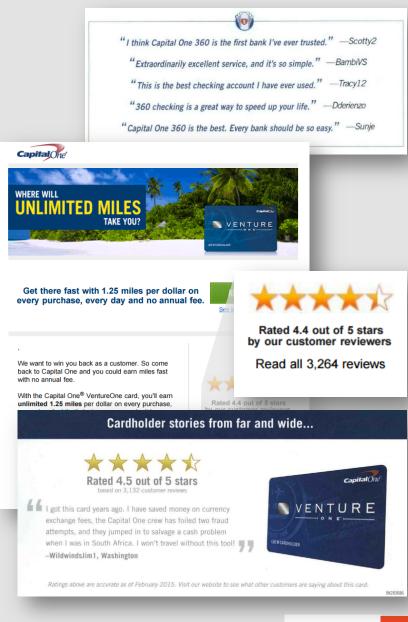
- Kim F., February 5, 2015



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**Capital One 360** and **Venture Card** utilize strong customer reviews wherever possible. It's smart... Millennials appreciate hearing what their peers think.





## INFLUENCERS – ESPECIALLY PARENTS – ARE KEY

**Navy Fed** smartly includes messaging to both parents and Millennials – the copy addresses audience readers and their separate perspectives.

The FI recognizes and acknowledges parental influence.



## SEASONALITY PROVIDES REASONS TO CONNECT

These banks take advantage of seasonality to connect with the target using messaging customized to time-of-year:

- Summer travel
- Back to school needs
- Holiday high-spend
- Spring travel time

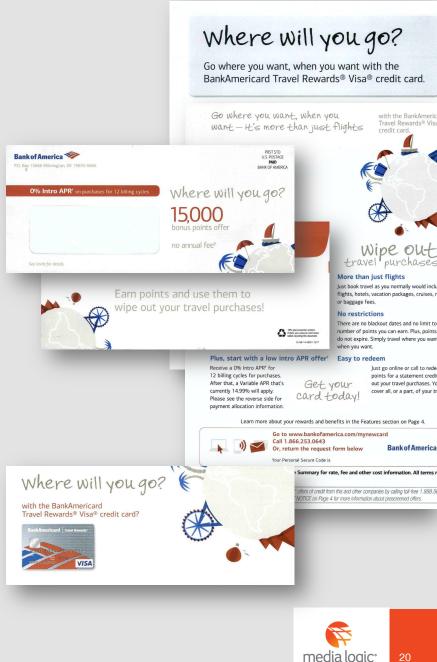




## **BOLSTER THE VALUE PROP** IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY

Bank of America recognizes that even though a product may be "entry level," it can be better positioned for success with a distinctive and appealing Look, Tone, Feel.

- In this case the "Where will you go?" theme provides continuity and builds aspirations for redeeming rewards.
- The earn and burn are clearly explained with equal weight.



## **PROMOTE FEATURES** AND BENEFITS WITH HIGH APPEAL

Liberty Bank uses E-mail outreach to students with hashtags that heighten the promotion of checking account text alerts, mobile banking and their benefits to busy students.

Messaging like "Packed with awesome money and time-saving extras!" - directly appeals to the target segment.

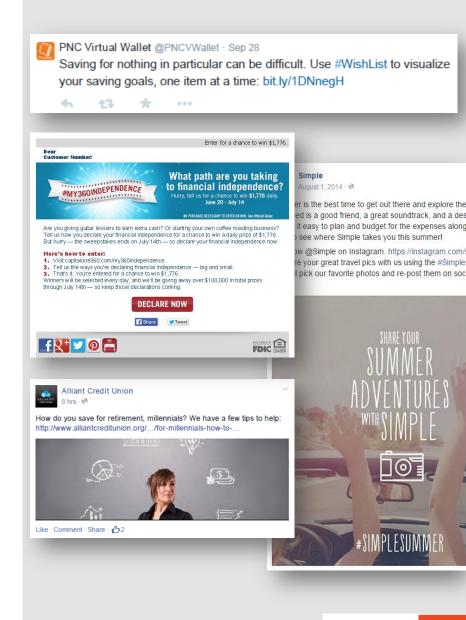
**#SecureYourself** brings together good security payment tips and advice from the bank for Millennials who favor online shopping – so the use of hashtag is expected.



## **INTEGRATE PLATFORMS INCLUDING SOCIAL**

Big banks, online banks, credit unions – in each case, they're taking an integrated marketing approach that includes social:

- PNC promotes savings using social platforms, content and #WishList to motivate the segment
- Cap One makes it easy to share out their promotion
- Simple taps into UGC and Millennials love of sharing as part of #SimpleSummer savings
- Alliant promotes retirement to Millennials on Facebook, driving cross-channel traffic to their website





**Capital One** pairs strong visuals and a bold headline to telegraphically communicate a promotion call-to-action or earning potential.

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## Live it up.

for the many ways you choose to celebrate.





Chase checking and savings customers, turn 24/7 deposit convenience into your chance to win.



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**Citi's card selector tool** uses visuals to give an otherwise expected tool new life, and helps prospects identify with a persona.

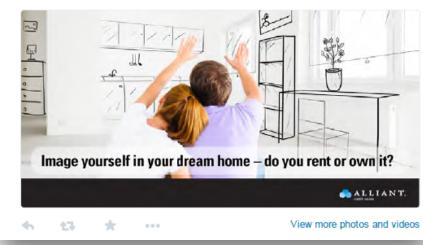




**Alliant Credit Union** posted a great example of how a visual highly connected to the headline can strengthen the approach – reinforcing the Millennial first-time home buyers aspirations to move from renter to home ownership.

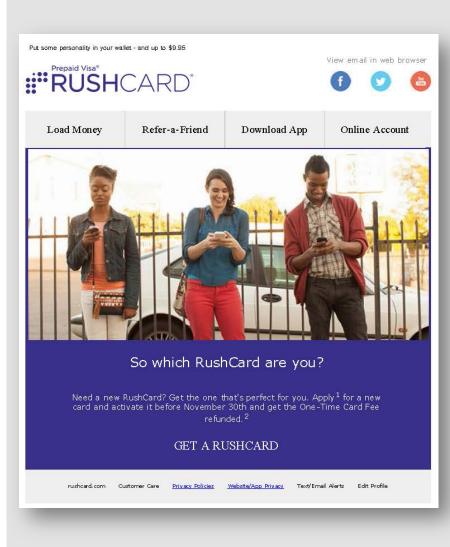
#### Alliant Credit Union @AlliantCU · Mar 9

Is it time to stop #renting and #buy a #house? RT if you're in the market: #realestate



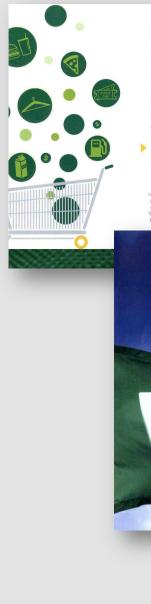


These visuals communicate that the **RushCard** provides a suite of products that meet a variety of needs and end-users.





Here, **M&T Bank** quickly amplifies and illustrates the key debit card benefit – making everyday purchases faster through illustrative icons.



#### Count on added security

- Fraud monitoring for potential suspicious activity by M&T and Visa
- ${\scriptstyle \bullet}$  A unique 3-digit security code for added protection
- Verified by Visa\* to help secure online purchases
- $\bullet$  Visa Zero Liability Policy² to help protect against unauthorized use of your card

#### Keep better track of purchases than with cash

Log on at mtb.com/webbanking to manage every aspect of your account.<sup>3</sup> Check your balance, track purchases, transfer funds between accounts and more.

Make everyday purchases faster when you use your M&T Debit Card. Learn more at mtb.com/debitcard



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Welcome to Green Flag Country.



This is a great example of how **Capital One** uses charts & graphs to "do the math" for their audience.



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Dear,

Invest online at your own pace and manage your goals your way—open a Capital One Investing  $^{SM}$  online account or IRA.

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Targeting younger Millennials, Wells Fargo plays up Spring Break with use of action imagery that Millennials can relate to pairing that imagery with money tips for a "worry-free" vacation.



## **College** Connection

#### This month's topics...

Tips for a worry-free vacation Try something different



#### Hi,

Putting some spring in your step

Spring break is here! Finally! After the Walking Deadlike journey of the last few months, you certainly deserve some time off. Having fun is definitely the priority, but don't completely blow off your budget. Thankfully, this issue of College Connection has the sort of things a good spring break survival guide should: advice on how to have a worry-free vacation, affordable travel options, and more. So grab your sunglasses, slap on some sunscreen and let's get started!



#### Tips for a worry-free vacation

Regardless of where you go and what you do, your spring break is precisely that: yours. To help you get the most out of your time off, we've put together a checklist that'll keep you - and your bank account - looking up.

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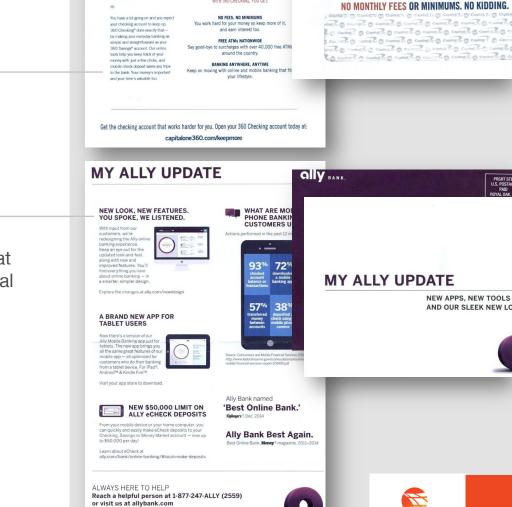


#### **INCLUDE DIRECT MAIL, EVEN IF YOU'RE A DIGITAL SOLUTION**

Seasoned Millennial marketers know Direct Mail has a place in their strategic and media mix.

Capital One 360 reinforces its strong online banking guarantee of no monthly fees or minimums - and more money in Millennials pockets - via direct mail.

Ally uses mail to update customers on digital features and services - knowing that Millennials embrace both digital and traditional channels.



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**Synchrony Bank** uses direct mail to inform members of special perks that they've earned by saving online. This mailer in particular targets Millennials love for travel and adventure – calling out all the great cities and places their rewards can be used.

**EverBank** branches out away from online-only communications and reaches Millennials with an engaging mailer that encourages them to move their money online.



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## FINANCIAL EDUCATION **IS NEVER COMPLETE**

Every communication is an opportunity to educate. Millennials actively seek FIs that provide advice and guidance throughout their customer lifecycle.



#### THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING CAPITAL ONE

We're happy that you've come to us for your home loan needs, and we look forward to making the application pr as clear and straightforward as possible

#### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

We're committed to helping you manage your home ban now and in the future. Here's our promise to you: we'll work with you to help manage your loan effectively, efficiently and in a way that creates value for you.

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

FIXED RATE: If you choose a mortgage with a fixed rate, the interest rate is set. Your principal and interest payment will stay the same throughout the life of your loan.

ADJUSTABLE RATE: If you choose an adjustable-rate mortgage, the interest rate may change. Your rate will stay fixed for a certain period of time (usually 5-7 years) and may adjust annually thereafter based on a market index to which the rate is tied. This will affect your interest payment.

CLOSING COSTS: These include lender and third-party lees associated with originating the loan, including title preparation fees, appraisals, etc. that are paid at the time of closing. As kyour Mortgage Consultant for more details.

ESCROW: This is the account that holds your contributions for taxes and insurance. Your Mortgage Consultant can explain this in more detail.

APPRASAL: The estimated market value of your home by a licensed appraise



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When you're setting money aside. Show your kid how. Do you have a savings account? How much do you save? Do you set goals? What about saving for college?

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MONEY TEACHING MOMENTS

FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

How you manage your finances day-to-day can provide valuable.

For more helpful tips, start your teen financial checklist.

bills online? Why?

When you're considering a purchase. Include them in the discussion. Is it a need or a

want? Can you afford it? Can you get a good deal?

teaching opportunities for your kids. Below are a few examples.

When you're paying bills.

Talk with your teen about how a spending account

works. Do you write checks, use a debit card or pay

Keep watching for more money talking points to cover with your teen, or visit our Youth Advice Center to learn more.



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#### Bicycling safety and insurance tips

Bicycling is on the rise across the U.S. as people capitalize on the health and economic benefits of "active" transportation. And an increasing number of young people are embracing bicycling and forgoing drivers' licenses to save money.<sup>1</sup>

Whether you use your bicycle to commute to work or simply enjoy riding. it's important to understand how to insure your bike; how to keep your bike safe; and most importantly, how to keep yourself and your family

#### How to insure your bike

 Property coverage Bicycles are typically covered under the personal property sects of standard homeowners and renters insurance policies. Minus your deductible, this coverage will reimburse you if your bike is stolen or damaged in a fire or other disaster listed in your policy. If some or compared in a the or other classice inseed in your policy you own or are about to purchase a particularity expensive bicycle, you may want to consider getting an endorsement that will provide additional coverage. I can review your coverage options with you — give me a call.

 Liability protection
Standard homeowners and renters insurance policies also typically provide liability protection for harm you may cause to someone else or their property. If you injure someone in a bicycle accident and he or she decides to sue, you will be covered up to the limits of your policy. Your homeowners or renters insurance also typically includes no fault medical coverage in the event you injure someone

Keep your blke safe<sup>2</sup> Avoid theft by keeping your bike safe. Here are some simple rules:

- Always lock up your bike no matter where it is
- · Lock up your bicycle in a visible, well-lit area
- · Buy the best locking system you can afford. Consider a system that cannot be easily cut, such as a
- U-shaped lock or a heavy duty lock with a strong wire cable · Always try to secure the bicycle's frame and both wheels to a stationary object, such as a post or a fence
- . Do not lock up your bicycle in the same location all the time. A thief may notice the pattern and target you
- · Protect your investment by recording your bicycle's serial number; this may help to recover your bicycle if it's stole

In This Issue: What you need to know about renters insurance

Bicycling safety and

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insurance tips



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# **MARKETING SMARTER**

Millennials are savvy, outspoken consumers who actively seek relationships with brands that understand their unique wants and needs.

By tailoring your messaging, making strong use of proper visuals, accessing key influencers and more, you can develop smarter marketing that resonates with this hard-to-reach audience.

Fls that proactively translate Millennial knowledge into direct action will be more effective... creating marketing that drives behavior and delivers results.



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