

IS YOUR MOTORCYCLE A TARGET FOR THIEVES?

Securing your motorcycle properly
will reduce the risk of it being stolen.

Don't give thieves an easy ride!



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Keeping people safe

Motorcycles and scooters are an easy target for thieves but theft does not have to be an inevitable part of owning a motorcycle. The majority of motorcycle crime is committed by opportunistic criminals who target motorcycles without sufficient security measures in place. You can outsmart these criminals by following a few simple steps.

Security Tips

- Ensure your bike is fitted with a combined alarm and immobiliser which will deter thieves when the alarm sounds.
- Attach both a disc lock and U-lock. Do not rely on one device, the more security placed on your bike, the less attractive it is to a thief. The longer it takes to overcome the security of a bike, the more of a deterrent it is.
- Try to park under street lights
- When applying your locks, ensure they are secured to a solid anchor point or a permanent piece of street furniture. Keep the lock off the ground where possible as this makes it difficult to cut off.
- Cover your motorcycle and ensure the cover is attached to the security device.
- If possible, use 'Thatcham' or 'sold secure' approved devices. These have been tested by the industry and are generally agreed to be amongst the most robust security devices available.
- Ensure you always activate the steering lock.
- Avoid leaving your helmet or other possessions on the motorcycle, in luggage space or panniers.



Tracking devices

Tracking devices are an effective covert security measure. Although they may not prevent your motorcycle from being stolen, it will assist Police in tracing and recovering the vehicle quickly.

Tracking devices vary in price and features. You should seek advice from your local motorcycle dealership.

Marking and identification systems.

Datatag ID - Datatag is a piece of technology which can be attached to various parts of your motorcycle. It comes in different forms, dependent on what is most appropriate, and is unique to each individual. Datatag assists Police identify the owner of the vehicle should it be stolen and later recovered even if the motorcycle has been taken apart. For more information on this product, please visit www.datatag.co.uk.

Alternatively, You can mark your motorcycle by adding your own unique markings. For example, mark your postcode or registration number on various parts of the bike.

Security at Home

If you have a garage, shed or secure storage area consider securing your motorcycle there. You should fit a solid anchor point within this storage area and secure your bike to the anchor point using a good quality lock and chain.

REMEMBER - Ensure your garage, shed, storage area, is also secured properly. Utilise CCTV, Padlocks, security lighting and alarms to maximise security and keep the thieves out.

When reviewing the security of your shed and garage, ask yourself "if I needed to get in because I lost my keys, how easy would it be?".

If you have any Information in relation to stolen motorcycles, please contact Police Scotland or Crimestoppers on the below telephone numbers.

Police Scotland

Emergency number - 999

Non-Emergency - 101

CRIMESTOPPERS - if you have any information regarding motorcycle crime and wish to remain anonymous please contact -

Crimestoppers Trust

Apollo House, 66A London Road

Morden, Surrey, SM4 5BE

Phone - 0800 555111

Website: www.crimestoppers-uk.org

CRIME PREVENTION OFFICERS - you can contact a crime prevention officer at your local police station for crime prevention advice and a list of secured car parks in your area.



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