

Security Tips at Home

If you have a garage, shed or storage area consider securing your motorcycle there.

- Fit a good quality hasp and padlock to the door, fitted with dome headed or non-returnable screws to prevent tampering. Appropriate products that are approved as 'Sold Secure' or 'Secured by Design' should be considered. For more information visit www.securedbydesign.com
- Secure windows and don't give intruders the opportunity to see inside. Depending on the type of window, you could consider fitting internal window grills, heavy wire mesh or reinforced glass. You could also use curtains or opaque film. If the window opens, a window lock should be fitted.
- If you have an intruder alarm, consider extending it to cover sheds, garages and outbuildings and ensure that there is a visible external sounder box.
- If you do not have a secure shed then bring items inside – don't leave them lying out.
- If your garage adjoins your home and there is a through door, keep it locked.
- 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.

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?"

For further Crime Prevention Information visit www.scotland.police.uk/keep-safe/ or contact your local Community Officer by calling 101

If you have any Information in relation to stolen motorcycles, please contact Police Scotland telephone numbers on **101** or **999** in an emergency or Report crime anonymously via the charity Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**

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Don't give thieves an easy ride!

Is your motorcycle a target for thieves?

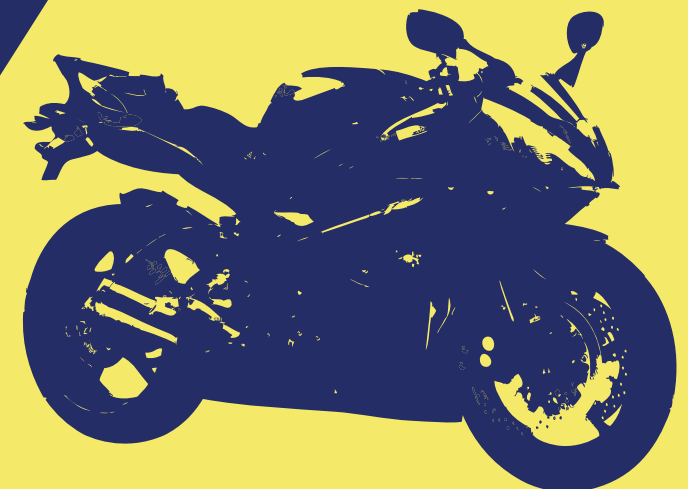
Securing your motorcycle properly will reduce the risk of it being stolen.



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Motorcycles and scooters are an easy target for thieves but theft does not have to be an inevitable part of owning a motorcycle. While these criminals are becoming more sophisticated in their methods, by following a few simple steps, you can reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Security Tips when you're out and about

- 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.
- Look out for car parks that are accredited to the 'Parkmark' scheme, as they are safer places to park vehicles. Log onto www.parkmark.co.uk for a list of car parks on your area.
- Be vigilant, ensure that you are not being followed home and check for suspicious items attached to your motorcycle or transporting vehicle/trailer that could be used to track your whereabouts.

Social Media

The increase in use of Social Media and Fitness Tracker apps are making it easier for criminals to plan their thefts from the comfort of their home.

Think about what you share on any app. and regularly review your security settings - Make sure your posts do not identify your home and make it a target.

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.

