

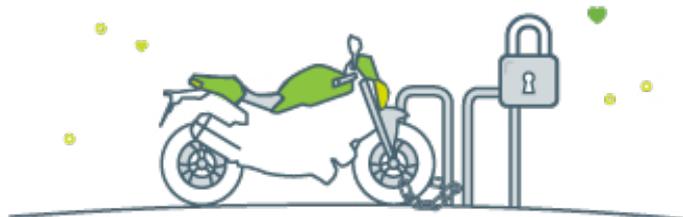
Preventing motorcycle theft



Motorbike and moped theft are revving up according to the police

Would-be thieves only need a few moments with an unattended and poorly secured bike.

Prevention is always better than cure so we've put together some handy motorbike and moped security tips to help your motorcycle stay safe.



1. Stay one wheel ahead - whether you're close by or away for a few minutes always use the steering lock and take the ignition keys

2. Lights, camera, action - park where CCTV can see or in a well-lit busy area if no cameras are visible



3. Chain lock and load it - put a chain lock through your back wheel to prevent thieves breaking your steering lock and simply wheeling the bike away. This won't work on the front wheel as it's easier to remove

4. Use a top of the range padlock - you could grab a Thatcham approved alarmed padlock to secure your bike

5. Keep your bike well grounded - remove the ability for your bike being able to be picked up and taken by securing it to an immovable object. This can be a lamp post, railing or a ground anchor

6. Brake the cycle of theft - stop your bike being taken by using a disc lock. This also secures the front brake disc and physically stops it from being rolled into the sunset

7. Hide it in plain sight - your bike is instantly less attractive to thieves if you use a bike cover as they won't be able to tell if it's a model they'd actually be interested in

8. Track and trace it - install a tracking device, it's a great way to locate your motorcycle if it's stolen

If your motorcycle isn't secured thoroughly, you could be invalidating the terms of your motorcycle insurance. Using more than one item of security can reduce the risk of theft.

Want to learn more, the met police have written a great article with more information on [preventing motorbike crime](#).

