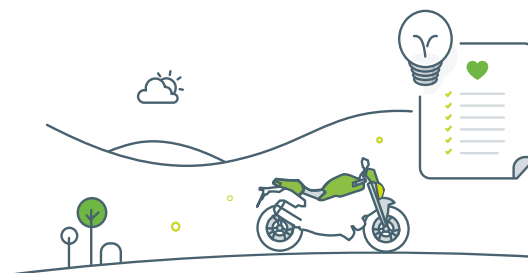


# The ultimate motorcycle guide



## Stay on the safe side of riding



### 1. Gear up

Always wear proper riding attire and use [CE-approved gear](#) to make sure you're protected. This includes helmets, jackets, trousers, gloves and boots. In the summer there's specially designed vented gear to keep you cool as well as safe.

### 2. Check your motorcycle regularly

Inspect your motorcycle's tyre pressure and tread, brakes, mirrors and lights before every ride and carry out regular maintenance. If something needs fixing, don't delay. Do it as soon as possible.

### 3. Ride defensively

Motorcyclists tend to be harder for drivers to see on the road. Because of their narrow profile, they often end up in drivers' blind spots. The best way to drive is defensively – pretend no one can see you and try to predict drivers' behaviour. Look twice before changing lanes or manoeuvring, pay attention to the road and leave enough space between your motorcycle and the vehicle in front of you.

### 4. Check the weather

Rain, ice and snow are especially hazardous for motorcyclists. Riders have less traction than a car and their visibility is worse affected. If adverse weather conditions are forecast, leave your motorcycle at home. If you have no other choice but to go out, wait a while before setting off to give the rain time to clear the road of any residues that make it slippery. Ride slowly and be extra cautious.

### 5. Stay comfortable

Know your abilities – make sure you can confidently handle your planned route and your motorcycle. You should be able to rest your feet on the ground and reach the handle bars and controls easily. Don't take any unnecessary risks to impress your mates, and if you're riding in a group, ride to your comfort level, not theirs.

**Top tip:** whether you're new to riding or just want to stay safe and brush up on your skills, it might be worth taking a safety course. They'll teach you how to handle unpredictable riding situations. This might include skills like collision avoidance manoeuvres, advanced turning, control tips and braking techniques, as well as how to make good judgements.

# Preventing motorcycle theft

## Hide

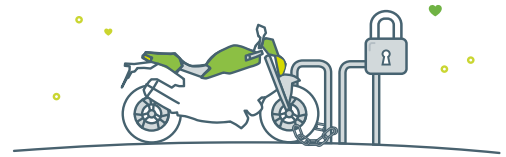
Ideally your motorcycle should be parked in a garage but, if you don't have one, use a motorcycle cover so potential thieves won't be able to tell if it's a model they'd be interested in. If you're out and about, park in well-lit busy areas, preferably with CCTV, and cover it if you can.



## Secure

According to police experts, [the average time a thief is willing to spend on stealing a bike is thirty seconds](#). What does that mean for you? Use as many safety precautions as you can – the longer it looks like it'll take to steal your motorcycle, the less likely thieves are to target it.

[The MLA \(Master Locksmith Association\)](#) suggest the ultimate combo to stop your motorcycle from being stolen is to use a ground anchor, security lock and chain and disc-lock.



## Track

Having a GPS motorcycle tracker installed provides peace of mind and can help you recover your bike quickly should the worst happen.

