

Police Scotland issue advice on motorcycle security

Police Scotland have issued the following advice on the security of motorcycles.

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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.

Datag ID - Datag 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. Datag 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.datag.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.



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