

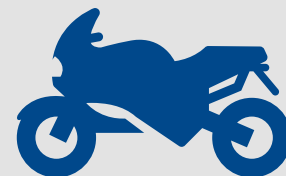


SECURED BY DESIGN SECURITY ADVICE GUIDE

Motorcycles & Scooters

Thousands of motorcycles, scooters and mopeds are stolen across the UK each year. Some motorcycles are stolen to order to be exported, others to be broken up for parts for re-sale.

A large number of bikes are left without much security. It takes seconds for a thief to steal a moped, scooter or motorcycle, if it is unprotected. It is advised that the motorcycle & scooter is locked, chained and covered to make them harder to steal.

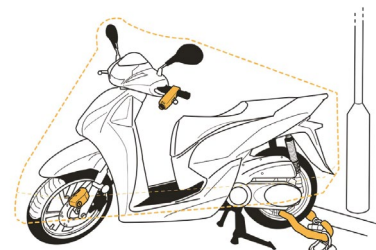


Police advice is to **LOCK, CHAIN, COVER**



Lock

Use a disc lock to help secure the front brake disc, or a grip lock to secure the brake and throttle controls. You could also use a D lock on the front wheel to stop it being wheeled away. Making your motorcycle less of any easy option will reduce the chances of it being targeted. Combine the use of a disk lock and a chain lock attached to a ground anchor.



Chain

Thieves often steal a bike by breaking the steering lock and wheeling it away. Use a chain lock through the back wheel (the front wheel can be removed). Secure your bike, with the lock taut to an immovable object such as a ground anchor or street furniture. This will stop thieves from cutting a lock trailing on the ground using an angle grinder. If this isn't possible, thread the chain through your bike frame and back wheel. Keeping the lock off the ground can prevent it being attacked and smashed.



Cover

Thieves often 'shop' for particular bike models. Using a cover instantly makes it less attractive to them. A cover also provides another time consuming obstacle for the thief. Unfortunately security measures can't guarantee your bike won't be stolen but, by using multiple security measures, you can make it harder and less attractive for thieves.

For security products for your scooter, motorcycle or moped search our ['Accredited products' page](#).



Remove the keys

Thieves are often opportunists and will look for bikes that are quick and easy to steal first. Always use the steering lock and remove the ignition keys, even if you are close by or away for a few minutes. Never rely on just using your steering lock to secure your bike as thieves can break the steering lock and simply wheel the bike away.



Fitting an alarm can be a deterrent to thieves

Consider fitting an SBD approved Thatcham-rated 1 or 2 alarm system with tracking, immobilisation, anti-grab and movement sensors that can help protect and trace your vehicle. A quality Thatcham approved, professionally fitted alarm system will not only put off thieves but could also reduce your insurance premiums.



Fit a Tracking system

Tracker systems can increase the recovery of your motorcycle if it is stolen. Many systems are battery operated and activate once the motorcycle is stolen and track the motorcycle via GPS and other systems. SBD have several members which specialise in this area and can advise on the best system and fitting of the product for your motorcycle / scooter type.



Spare Parts

Motorcycles and Scooters are often broken down for their parts for re-sale. The thieves remove any identifying marks, making it hard for the police to trace the property back to the original owner. Security marking your motorcycle or scooter using an SBD recognised forensic asset marking kit is another highly effective and established method of reducing theft. Trying to remove one of these forensic markers is very difficult and in many cases the police only need a trace amount to establish ownership and gain a conviction.



When at home the best place to keep your motorcycle, moped or scooter is in your garage or shed

Fit a garage door defender or upgrade garage door locks. If you have a house alarm system consider connecting the garage. Shed alarms as well as low level dusk to dawn lighting will also enhance security. For further information about alarms please visit our SBD Alarm Advice Webpage.

Fitting a secure ground anchor also provides extra security. SBD approved motorcycle lockers are also available to store your motorcycle at home. Storing it out of view is one of the best ways to prevent opportunist theft.



No shed or garage? Park in the safest place you can

Park it in an area near to your home where it is well overlooked with good lighting. If you have a drive, where possible, utilise it and support your motorcycle / scooter lock and chain, with a ground anchor. If your drive is supported with gates, close them at night to provide a further barrier for the opportunist thief.



Installation of CCTV

CCTV can be a deterrent and help protect both your motorcycle and home. If you do decide to use CCTV it is important to read the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) advice on Domestic CCTV systems.

Buying a new motorcycle or scooter

MCIA Secured is a rating scheme for new Powered Two Wheelers – 'PTW', which recognises the security features fitted on these types of vehicles. A maximum of five stars can be awarded to motorcycles of 125cc (or 11kW for Electric power) or over, or three stars for motorcycles up to 125cc/11kW and scooters.



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For more information of the scheme which is run by the Motor Cycle Industry Association Ltd (MCIA) and manufacturers taking part please visit the website <https://mcia.co.uk/en/mcia-secured>

For further advice about any of the security tips listed above, or to find out how to buy police recognised security products, visit

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