

# PREVENTING MOTORCYCLE AND MOPED THEFT



It takes less than a minute to steal a motorcycle or moped. Many are never recovered. Some are used in crime or broken down for parts. Your bike could be at risk.



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# WHAT CAN I DO?

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## Make it harder for thieves

- Lock your motorcycle; don't rely on the standard fitted lock. Use a ground anchor, good quality disc lock, security shackle or chain.
- Fit an alarm, particularly one with a movement sensor which activates when the bike is moved.
- Fit a tracker, some models can be monitored using a smartphone app.
- At home, park your motorcycle in a locked garage or enclosed area. If you can't do this then cover it with a suitable cover and consider using a ground anchor.
- Use well-lit parking areas, ideally with CCTV coverage, or a Park Mark approved car park [www.parkmark.co.uk](http://www.parkmark.co.uk).

## Cover yourself

- Ensure that you have sufficient insurance to cover any loss. If you don't use your vehicle during the winter

months, keep a sufficient insurance policy in place to cover fire and theft.

- Property mark your bike parts with a recommended property marking method. Ask your insurance company or dealer for advice.

## What to do if your motorcycle is stolen

- First check that your motorcycle hasn't been removed by the local authority. If they haven't removed it, contact the police on 101.
- If a theft is in progress, or your alarm or tracker notifies you, call 999 immediately.
- It is helpful if you have a photograph of the bike, details of any damage, unique marks or stickers together with the relevant paperwork to hand.

For more information please visit [www.met.police.uk/motorcycletheft](http://www.met.police.uk/motorcycletheft)

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