

Secure it or lose it!

Tips for Motorcycle Theft Prevention



Two wheels are better than none!

More bikes than ever are being stolen and only 3 in 10 will be recovered. The rest end up on the black market, or stripped and sold for spares.

Crooks are laughing- it is so easy to steal bikes that aren't secured using appropriate measures.

The majority of bikes stolen are put on the back of vehicles, rendering many security devices useless.

Police have identified a number of measures that can assist you in preventing this crime.

THEFT PREVENTION MEASURES

- A high tensile chain and matching security lock through the rear wheel or frame of the bike to railings or a convenient lamp post, will deter opportunist thief.
- A good alarm to go with your lock, don't let your bike go quietly
- Cover the motorcycle, few will risk blind theft.
- On regular journeys, vary your parking habit and leave the bike in full view.
- When garaged, remember to continue to use locks, with anchor points. Make sure garage is secure, once inside the thief has seclusion and time.
- Do not leave your helmet or riding gear with bike
- If the bike is stolen make it impossible to sell. Mark everything that could be sold as a second hand spare part with a clearly visible identifying mark, both in visible and secret places, preferably with the bikes frame number.
- Some bike manufacturers are developing a data tagging system for their new models. When purchasing a bike ask what the brand is doing to keep your investment out of the hands of criminals.
- Note any suspicious behaviour and report to Crime Stoppers

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What to do if your motorcycle has been stolen:

- Report it to police immediately.
- Give the police all appropriate information: registration number, make, model and colour of motorcycle, photos if available.
- Location and time of disappearance.
- Notify your insurance company immediately.
- Notify police of any engraving placed on motorcycle for identification purposes.

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE 131 444

For reporting of crime which does not require immediate police presence e.g. motorcycle theft, lost property, minor traffic accidents. 24 hour service.

WEB SITE

www.police.nsw.gov.au

CRIME STOPPERS 1800 333 000 (02) 9265 4566

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