How to Prevent Motorcycle, Scooter & Moped Theft

Motorcycles are easy to get stolen when left unprotected. It takes seconds for a couple of guys to hoist a motorcycle into a van and take off.

- **Lock the ignition** and take the key with you—motorcycles often get stolen because the owner left the ignition unlocked.
- **Lock the steering**—motorcycles come with a fork lock, which is the equivalent of a car’s steering lock.
- **Install a hidden switch** or a spring-loaded switch that must be pressed when starting the engine.
- **Remove the main fuse** of your motorcycle when you park.
- **Lock your disks** with motorcycle disk locks. Disk locks come in a variety of sizes, shapes, and features, and they are more compact that wheel locks. Disk locks are attached to the disk brake rotor to prevent the wheel from rolling. An alarm motorcycle disk lock has the best combination of features.
- **Lock your wheels** with motorcycle wheel locks. Wheel locks work the same way as the disk locks—they are just larger in size. Some wheel locks are universal and can be used to lock other motor vehicles.
- **Chain your motorcycle to a secure object** that is difficult to destroy. You can do this with any lock designed for this purpose, usually chain-link locks or metal rope locks.
- **Use two or more locks** of different type (i.e. a chain lock and a U-wheel lock). Thieves might not have the tools to break two different types of locks.
- **Chain your motorcycle to other motorcycles** when you park together.
- **Use high quality locks** that are difficult to break, force, or pick.
- **Avoid parking next or between large trucks, SUVs** or anything that can help cover thieves trying to steal your motorcycle.
- **Cover your motorcycle** with a **motorcycle cover** that doesn’t say what is underneath. This will help you avoid tempting thieves.
- **Park your motorcycle in a security camera’s view** whenever possible, especially when you travel and you have to spend the night in a hotel.
- **Keep an eye on your motorcycle**. Check your motorcycle frequently, especially right after you park at a public event.

[Image of motorcycle lock and cover]