



A motorcycle near you has been stolen



Crime Reference Number:

Dear resident,

Please look over these questions to see if you are able to assist your neighbour and North Yorkshire Police in identifying those responsible, and help make your community a safer place.

- Did you see or hear anything, or have CCTV / a video doorbell, that may have captured the incident?
- Have you seen anyone loitering in the area?
- Have you seen any unfamiliar vehicles in the area?

Please show these questions to each member of your household.

If anyone answers yes to any of the questions, please contact us on 101 quoting the above crime reference number. If you have information about a crime and prefer your information to be given anonymously, please contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

No matter how insignificant you may think your concerns or suspicions are, please get in touch and let us know.

Crime prevention advice

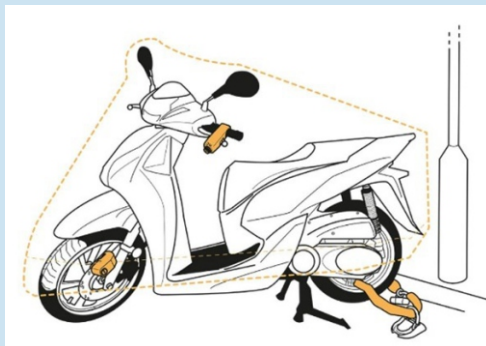
Motorcycle/Moped crime is often preventable. It can take as little as 30 seconds for a thief to steal a motorcycle. The best ways to prevent your motorcycle being stolen are as follows:

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.

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.

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.

- Fitting an alarm can be a deterrent to thieves
- When at home the best place to keep your motorcycle, moped or scooter is in your garage or shed



Useful contact details

Phone 999 in an emergency

Phone 101 non-emergency

Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

Supporting Victims: 01609 643 100

Web: www.northyorkshire.police.uk

Email: general.enquiries@northyorkshire.police.uk

Twitter: @NYorksPolice

Facebook: North Yorkshire Police

North Yorkshire Community Messaging: www.nycm.uk

Please do not be alarmed by this leaflet. North Yorkshire and the City of York is one of the safest places to live in the country. However, it's important to take steps to protect yourself and your property.

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team can offer...

Dot peen property marking – a free, permanent marking system for all your property, including cycles, sat navs, mobile phones, tablets, games consoles, garden tools and work tools.

Community Messaging – a free system that lets you receive the latest crime notifications and community news in your neighbourhood. It is designed to let you get important information from North Yorkshire Police and other organisations – when you want it, and how you want it. The more people that join Community Messaging, the safer our area will be. **Sign up now at:** www.NYCM.uk



Crime prevention advice – we have trained crime prevention champions who can attend your home and offer free crime prevention advice.

