

A reminder cable will serve 2 purposes:

1. To unlock the device before you go for a ride
2. Deters a would-be thief from your motorcycle

If your Alarm has batteries remember to check them.

Motorbike Alarm / Tracker

A motorbike alarm and tracking device will not physically stop your bike from being stolen. **Always** use them in conjunction with other physical security devices such as chains and locks. Any fitted alarms and/or tracking devices should be accredited by Thatcham.

We recommend getting an alarm installed by a professional, as installing it yourself incorrectly could invalidate the warranty of the bike.

The best security combination

The best way to stop your motorcycle being stolen would be to use a combination of the methods previously described:

- **Ground anchor** - acts as an immovable object at home or at work
- **Security chain with padlock** - secures your motorbike to an immovable object
- **Disc Lock** – Should a thief ever break through a chain and padlock, the bike's wheel will not turn with the use of a disk lock



Useful Websites:

- www.herts.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/keeping-vehicles-safe/theft-motorcycles-scooters
- www.locksmiths.co.uk/faq/motorcycle-security-guide
- www.securedbydesign.com
- www.soldsecure.com

If you would like further information on motorcycle, scooter, or moped security, then contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or Crime Prevention Officer www.herts.police.uk/contact

Preventing Motorbike and Moped theft



Hertfordshire Constabulary are committed to reducing the motorbike and moped theft across the county.

This handout highlights measures you can take to protect your bike from being stolen.



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How do they steal your Motorbike?

The majority of motorbikes are stolen from outside the owner's property. In a large number of cases the owners have only the steering wheel lock as protection. It can take just a few minutes to steal a motorbike.

The thieves often lift the bike onto a truck or lorry and then it's gone. Only having a steering wheel lock in the majority of cases will be insufficient to prevent your bike from being stolen. Some motorbikes are also stolen for their parts and are often recovered "stripped".

What Crime prevention measures can you take to protect your bike?

Park your motorbike in a garage or other outbuilding.

If it is possible put your bike in your garage or other outbuilding if you have one. Consider securing your garage door with a ground defender/anchor.

Ensure that the defender is fitted to the centre of your garage door and is fitted to a solid base. Ensure that the defender is accredited with Sold Secure or Secured by Design accreditation.



If you are unable to house your bike securely, consider the following security products to protect your bike:

Ground anchor and chain

Secure your bike to the ground or wall with a ground anchor and chain.

You can fit an anchor to the ground or wall yourself, but it is important to follow the manufacturer's fitting instructions.

DO NOT fit wrongly as a poorly fitted ground anchor can put your motorbike at risk from being stolen by thieves.

If in doubt, the anchor should be installed by an expert such as a member of the Master Locksmith Association (MLA).

Ensure that your ground anchor and chain have been approved to Sold Secure "or Secured by Design (SBD) accreditation.



Security chain and padlock.

Using a motorbike chain and padlock is another prevent the theft of your motorbike as it stops potential thieves from lifting up or moving your bike because it is attached to an immovable object.

Chains and padlocks should be fitted around the bike's frame or around the wheel. Ensure the chain and padlock are kept off the ground and that you use the correct length of chain



Ensure that your chain is accredited to Sold Secure accreditation diamond standard which is tested against sawing, cropping and other methods of attack.

Disc locks and Alarmed disc locks

A disc lock can be used to discourage thieves from targeting your bike or scooter. A disc lock is a portable device that can be attached to the brake disc. Disc locks are portable so can be taken on the move and easily fitted to your motorbike.



Disc locks can be used in conjunction with other devices, such as a security chains and padlocks. Ensure that all products are accredited to Sold Secure or SBD accreditation.

- You should choose simple device that locks and unlocks with a single press of the key.
- Use it every time you leave your motorbike.
- Always use 2 disc locks/alarms; one for the front wheel and one for the rear. This prevents the bike from being wheeled away.
- Remember to remove the disc locks before you attempt to ride off

Sensitivity

Some alarmed disc locks have various sensitivity levels; so, you can decide what sort of motion or shock it should detect. Alarmed disc locks should enhance your motorcycle security, but only if they are difficult to remove and can't be easily damaged.

- The locking pin should not be exposed enough to allow a pair of bolt cutters to reach it.
- If the locking pin is exposed, then ensure it is at least 10mm thick to make snapping more difficult.

