

MOPED AND SCOOTER SECURITY



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Top Tips

LOCK: Use a disc lock on the front wheel to stop your bike being taken away. Fit grip locks to the throttle & engage the steering lock.

CHAIN: Secure the rear wheel with steel chains and a padlock. Attach the chain to a ground anchor or a fixed object.

COVER: Bike covers prevent immediate access to the controls and security features and make it more difficult for thieves. Sometimes thieves may also be “shopping” for a certain model and covering it makes it harder for them to find what they want.

PREVENT CRIME

PROTECT COMMUNITIES



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KEEP IT UNDERCOVER
LOCK IT • CHAIN IT • COVER IT



Often moped or scooter use minimal security measures.

Mopeds and scooters are becoming an attractive and easy target for thieves as they either steal them to sell on, use them for spare parts or also use them to commit further crimes on. Most thieves are opportunist but there have been some that have been “shopping” for particular models.

If you follow the guidance below you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim and possibly reduce further criminal activity.

Remove the Keys.

Even if you are only going to be away for a few minutes, it only takes a second for the thief to act.

Always use the steering lock to secure your moped/scooter but never rely on just this. LOCK your moped/scooter by using a disc lock on the front wheel.

Fit an alarm

A Thatcham rated 1 or 2 alarm system with tracking, immobilisation, anti-grab and movement sensors can help to protect and trace your moped. Fitting an approved alarm may also reduce your insurance costs.

Mark It

Make it difficult for parts to be sold on by marking as many as of the parts as possible. This also helps the police to identify owners when parts are found. Marking kits such as selectadna and smartwater are recommended.

Keep it Secured:

The best place to keep your vehicle is in a garage, shed or motorcycle locker. Fit a garage defender or upgrade your garage locks. Fit a shed or garage alarm and use dusk to dawn lighting so that you can see if anyone is around that area. See our 1st Principle advice on Sheds/Garages for more information of garage/shed security.

Park Securely:

If you don't have a garage/shed or motorcycle locker then park it in an area close to your

home where it is well overlooked, has good lighting and if possible working CCTV. If parking on your drive then use a ground anchor and hardened steel chain and lock (preferably a Sold Secure Motorcycle Diamond). If possible look for a [PARK MARK](#) carpark as they are approved carparks which provide a higher level of security. When out and about consider the same conditions for parking your vehicle.

Stolen Bike

If your bike is stolen or being stolen never put yourself at risk! Call 999 immediately if a crime is in progress if you are reporting it stolen then call 101.

Buying a Second-hand Bike

If you are buying a second-hand bike, make sure all the papers are available, current and correct. If in doubt don't buy it! If you think a bike is stolen report it to the police immediately.

REMEMBER: Help reduce the opportunity for theft of your vehicle or the potential for it to be used in further criminal activity.

For further full details on specific approved products and how to install them we recommend you use the [Master Locksmiths Association](#) security guide on Bike Security. All products that are Sold Secure and Secured by Design are Police Approved, checked and accredited.

First Principle: Related links

Check out all of our Crime Prevention information using the following links or by using the QR code to take you to the First Principle Pages Alternatively go to our website at <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/> and look in the 1st Principle A-Z of Crime Prevention.

Allotment Security
Anti-Social Behaviour
ATM Security
Beach Hut Security
Boat Security
Building Site Security
Business Security
Caravan Security
Caravan Storage
Card Security
Catalytic Converters
Church Security
Cold Callers
Commercial CCTV
Counterfeit Banknotes
County Lines Advice for Landlords
Cyber Crime
Cycle Security
Dangerous Dogs
Dog Fouling
Dog Theft
Domestic CCTV
Domestic Violence
Farm Security
Fraud Prevention
Grooming
Hate Crime

Heating Oil
Home Improvements
Home Security
Home Security for Tenants
Horses and Stables
Keyless Vehicles
Key Safe Security
Lock Snapping
Mopeds and Scooters
Motorcycle Security
Neighbour Disputes
Occupiers Liability
Personal Security
Power Tool Security
Products Brochure
Rural Crime
Security Alarms
Sheds and Garages
Social Media
Social Media for Parents
Suspicious Behaviour
Shoplifting
Taxi Driver Safety
Vehicle Security
Windows and Doors



Other Links you might find helpful

Ask the Police
Secured by Design
Sold Secure

Crimestoppers
0800 555 111

Victim Care
0300 303 3705