

Theft Prevention Tips for Your Motorcycle

Don't make your bike an easy target for thieves.

Like water, thieves take the path of least resistance. So, when you make it tough on them, chances are they'll pass you by. Follow these simple guidelines. They could make the difference when a thief has to choose between your bike and a more vulnerable one.

- 🌀 When your bike is at home, store it in a secure location such as a garage, storage shed, or locked/fenced area.
- 🌀 Even if you're only leaving your bike for a short period of time, make sure it's secured.
- 🌀 When you're away from home, secure your motorcycle while it's parked by locking several bikes together or to a secure object that can't be dismantled.
- 🌀 Use multiple locks such as fork, disc and ignition.
 - ✓ Use disc locks with a large bright colored tag to remind you of the lock and to make the lock more visible to thieves.
 - ✓ Lock the front forks on the motorcycle.
 - ✓ Lock your ignition.
- 🌀 After you have parked your bike, continue to check on it by looking back as often as possible when leaving the area.
- 🌀 Do not store your title on the motorcycle.
- 🌀 Keep your motorcycle registration and insurance card in your wallet or purse so that if your bike is stolen, you are able to more quickly verify motorcycle ownership and have the VIN number handy for law enforcement.
- 🌀 If you use a motorcycle trailer:
 - ✓ Park the trailer in a well lit location.
 - ✓ Park near a staffed station.
 - ✓ Lock the trailer (doors and hitch).
 - ✓ Secure the doors by parking in an area restricting the opening of the door(s).
 - ✓ Know your trailer identification number and license plate registration.

**Make life hard on criminals
to avoid becoming a victim of motorcycle theft.
Start using these tips today!**

Selling Your Motorcycle?

Take These Precautions.

Motorcycle thefts also occur when you're selling your bike. Thieves use false identities and produce fake financial documents to gain access to your bike and leave you holding the bag. Use these tips to safeguard yourself and your motorcycle.

- ⊗ Don't provide the title to the buyer until you've received payment by either of the following:
 - ✓ Verify that the check, money order or cashier's check is valid. In other words, confirm it and the dollar amount with the financial institution.
 - ✓ Deliver the motorcycle to the buyer at his or her residence to authenticate their address. It's best to have someone accompany you.
- ⊗ Obtain the driver's license number, name, address and date of birth of the buyer and then check that against the information listed on his or her driver's license to make sure it's consistent.
- ⊗ Remember that the title is not necessary to the buyer at the time of purchase. Only a written agreement of the price and the payment are necessary to complete a sale. You can send the title to the buyer once payment has cleared.
- ⊗ If you place your motorcycle on consignment sale, do not provide a signed copy of the title to the dealership until you have received a valid payment in full. Also, research the history of the dealership before giving it your motorcycle.

**Make sure you get what you're entitled to
for the sale of your bike
– don't get taken!**

