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## Who we are

The National Motor Vehicle Theft Reduction Council (NMVTRC) is an independent, non-profit organisation established by all Australian governments and the insurance industry. The NMVTRC works with its partners to reduce Australia's unacceptably high level of vehicle theft and the associated costs of this crime to the community.

Our Council is drawn from the major national bodies whose systems and practices have a direct impact on vehicle theft. This includes government justice and transport agencies, insurers, vehicle manufacturers, the motor trades and motoring associations.

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# WISH YOU'D SECURED YOUR MOTORCYCLE



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It's a fact, motorcycle theft in Australia is on the rise. Each year, increasing numbers of on and off road motorbikes, all terrain vehicles, scooters and mini bikes are falling victim to the crime. Motorcycles are particularly difficult to protect due to their ease of portability, the high demand for parts and poor identification. As a result, motorcycle thefts now amount to one in 10 of all stolen vehicles. Fewer than a third of these bikes are ever recovered.

## Motorcycle security tips

### Park wisely

- When commuting, park in well lit areas and use designated motorcycle parking areas or anchorage points where possible.
- Research suggests that over half of all motorcycles are stolen from residential locations. When at home, try to park behind lockable gates or in a locked garage. Alternatively, secure your bike by locking it to an immovable object or anchorage.

### Secure your bike

- Be sure to secure your motorcycle using the steering lock.
- Also use a manual locking device such as a disc lock, U-lock or chain and padlock.
- Consider installing an engine immobiliser to ensure the bike cannot be driven away.

### Purchase smartly

- Be sure to consider security features when purchasing your motorcycle. Ask your dealer what sort of security the manufacturer has adopted to help you make an informed decision.

"I didn't consider security when I was purchasing my bike. Now I wish I had"

## Motorcycle theft – the facts

- Newer model motorcycles make up the majority of thefts.
- Motorcycle sales have increased by 70 per cent over the last five years, hitting an all-time high of nearly 130,000 in 2007.
- The majority of motorcycle sales are for recreational use, potentially increasing the number of bikes stolen for parts.
- Those with an engine capacity of between 201 and 250cc are most commonly stolen, followed by bikes less than 50cc, such as scooters.
- Six out of 10 motorcycles are stolen from homes.
- The large majority of motorcycles stolen are not recovered.

The top targeted makes are:

- Honda
- Yamaha
- Suzuki
- Kawasaki
- KTM

"The bike was parked in my driveway. I never thought it would be stolen from my home"

## Off-road motorbikes

Around 50 per cent of total motorcycle sales are of off-road bikes, and less than half of these bikes are registered. This makes theft of off-road motorbikes particularly problematic as they are not affected by the registration inspection practices that have been developed for registered vehicles.

However, there are still precautions you can take to reduce your risk of theft and improve the chances of your bike being recovered:

- Where possible, store the bike in a locked garage or behind lockable gates.
- Most will still have a vehicle identification number (VIN) – a 17 digit number that uniquely identifies that bike. It is important to record the VIN and keep it in a safe place so you can include it in any reported theft to police – doing so will increase the chances of your motorcycle being recovered.