



## 10 TIPS hoe je motorfiets te beveiligen. Geef dieven géén kans !

**Wetter/Ruhr – In Germany, year by year about 45,000 motorbikes are stolen. As the official statistics on criminality prove, in Germany there are 123 frustrated bikers more every day who for the time being have to walk.**

As if the pain of having lost the valuable bike is not bad enough, the trouble really starts with all the bureaucratic stuff, endless correspondence and insurance company to-do. And when finally the insurance company has paid, the best biker weeks of the year have long gone ....

This need not be. With little effort even the clever thief can be convinced that his desire to steal is virtually non-existing. To keep the cold sweat of losing the beloved bike low, here are 10 well-meant pieces of advice:

**Tip 1:** Never park your bike without thinking. Often already the parking spot decides about the fate of your bike. The empty side street is just as bad as parking next to the cinema which shows the professional thief that he has time at least until the movie is over. It is better to park it at the bar or at a bus stop with a large number of people coming and going.

**Tip 2:** Never secure your bike with just the steering lock. Without an extra lock your bike is an easy prey for a thief. Every extra lock signals: There the thief has more to do than on one that is not secured additionally.

**Tip 3:** There are extra locks for all prices and in all qualities. Absolute protection against professional thieves does not exist but you make it as difficult as possible for them. It is recommended to use high quality chains or U-shackle locks as even brutal thieves need a lot of time when trying to break these high-tech devices. The longer it takes the thief to break the lock the bigger the risk that he is caught.

**Tip 4:** Wherever possible you should lock your bike with a high quality extra lock to a solid object. For this, long U-shackle locks or high quality lock-chain-combinations are especially suitable. Fixing the bike to a solid object can prevent the bike from being pushed, carried or lifted. Brake disk locks are quickly outmaneuvered if the professional thief works with a skateboard, transport trailer or similar tools.

**Tip 5:** Alarm systems or immobilisers are only activated once the theft has occurred. Exactly this can be prevented by using high quality extra locks. The criminal energy will quickly end once it is visible that the theft will only be successful after long trouble and work. Professional thieves will see at the first glance whether if the lock is worth the trouble or not.



**Tip 6:** Besides bolt cutter and saw more and more professional thieves use intelligent special tools with which many locks can be opened effortlessly. Many motorbike locks are equipped with so-called tubular cylinders (round pipe key). In most cases pros can't help laughing about these cylinders. With just one special tool these locks can be opened dead easily. So, hands off cheap locks!

**Tip 7:** Top security products feature a massive use of high tech materials and a high quality locking system with know-how. The top products can be easily distinguished by the labels of the international test institutes. In the European foreign countries it is often required to use additional locks to have the motorbike insured against theft. As such, in the mother country of security, Sweden, there is the famous seal SSF, in Holland the seal ART and in Denmark the seal VAREFAKTA. The more symbols you can find on the packaging the better is the resistance of the approved products.

**Tip 8:** The power that is coming out of the cold is lethal for quite a lock. When treating a lock with ice spray many cheap steel sorts give up and break into a thousand pieces. High quality locks are resistant to ice spray attacks and have a respective test seal.

**Tip 9:** The best lock has no chance if it is not carried on the bike. Luckily there are many high quality lock-chain-combinations on the market which can be transported coiled up to a small size underneath the seat. Today, the big motorbike brands offer a large number of models with an integrated carrier for U-locks under the seat. Often, chains or U-locks can be transported on the carrier or the luggage rack.

**Tip 10:** The dead certain tip for valuable bikes: Secure your bike with 2 different locks, e.g. a U-lock plus a Brake Disk Lock. Even professional thieves often specialize on a certain type. When looking at two different locks one thing is for sure: The thief will give up!

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