



## Theft Prevention Tips for Your Motorcycle

**Don't let your bike become an easy target for thieves. Following these simple guidelines could mean the difference between a thief choosing your bike or a more vulnerable one.**

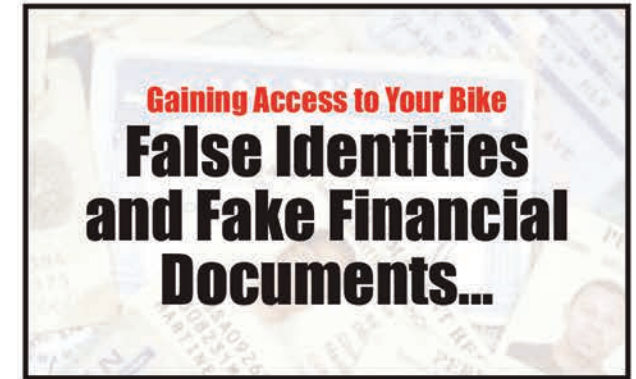
- When at home, store the bike in a secure location such as a garage, storage shed, or locked/fenced area.
- Even if you're only leaving your bike for a short period of time, make sure it's secured.
- When you're away from home, secure your motorcycle while it's parked by locking several bikes together 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 on your person so that if your bike is stolen, you are able to more quickly verify motorcycle ownership and have the Vehicle Identification Number (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.



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

- Don't provide the title to the buyer until payment has been satisfied 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 residence to authenticate his address. It's best to have someone accompany you.



*...it's a crime!*

*Safeguard yourself and your motorcycle.*

- Obtain the driver 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.



*A friendly reminder brought to you by the Plano Police Department.*



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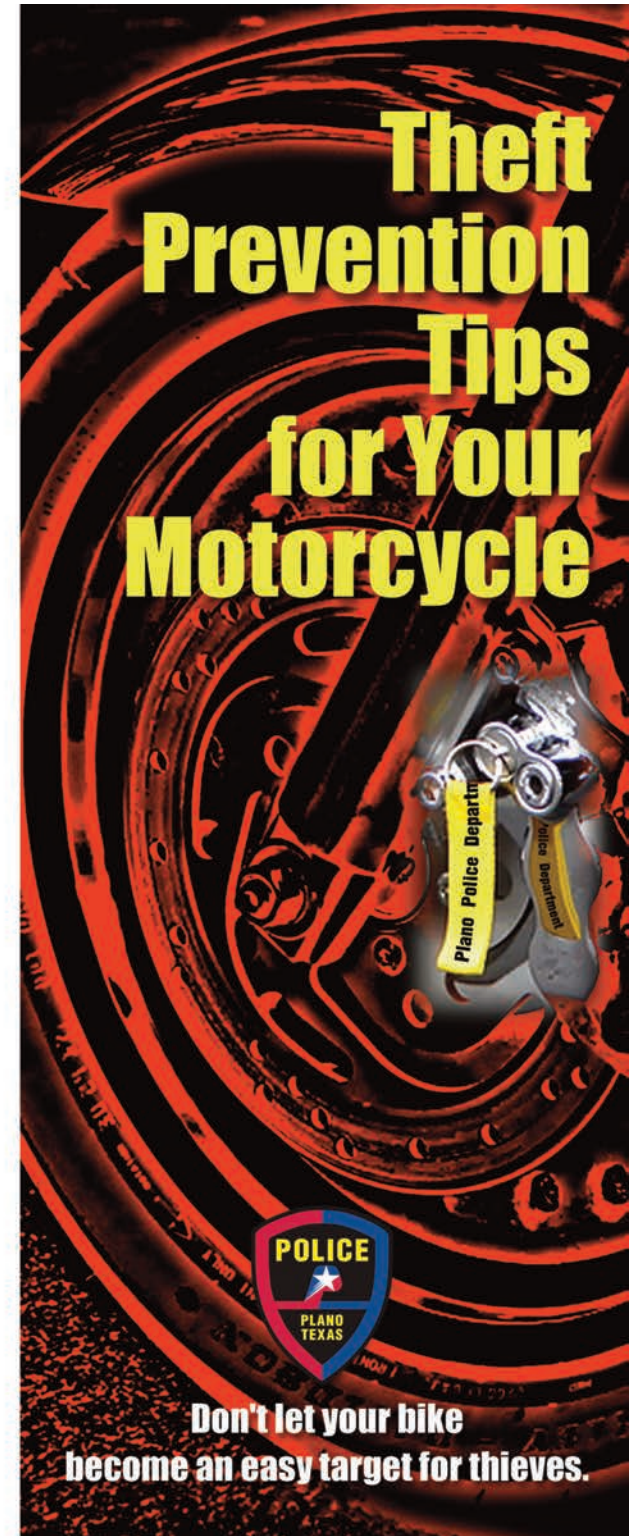
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