

Electric Scooters



Electric scooters cannot be ridden on roads and pavements, or public spaces such as parks.

These are uninsured vehicles and can be seized and destroyed.

The law

You can buy an e-scooter but you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. You can only legally ride them on private land and where you have the land owner's permission.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classed as powered transporters and fall within the legal definition of a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998. This means that the same rules that apply to motor vehicles apply to e-scooters. This includes, but isn't limited to:

- Licencing
- Insurance
- MOT
- Tax

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

What happens if I am stopped by police?

Police officers will explain and encourage you to follow the law. Depending on the circumstances they could seize your e-scooter from you. You, or the parents of anyone under 16, could also be subject to a fine.

Further information about e-scooters can be found on the Government's website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters>

