

PRIVATE E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

*Staying on the
right side of the law*



A privately owned e-scooter can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.



If used illegally, you could be fined, get penalty points on your licence, arrested and prosecuted for driving offences.



You can be prosecuted if you have bought and allowed a child under the age of 18 to ride a private e-scooter in public.

Current law

- ✓ You can legally buy an e-scooter
- ✓ You can legally ride it on private land, but only with the landowner's permission
- ✗ You cannot legally ride it in a public space this includes pavements, parks, paths, roads.

Why is this?

- ⚠ E-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998, so the same rules apply. You still need a full or provisional licence, insurance and tax.

What happens if I'm stopped by the police?

- 🚔 We can issue you a warning, seize your e-scooter and you may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

Want to learn more?

We would encourage owners to enjoy e-scooters safely but to do so legally.

For further details about e-scooters and the law, scan the QR code.



TAKE CHARGE

E-Scooter Safety



BUY SAFE

Buy your e-scooter, charger and batteries from reputable retailers and avoid second-hand sites. Register your e-scooter or e-bike for warranty and recall updates, and don't buy modified devices or attempt any modifications.



CHARGE SAFE

Always use the charger that came with your e-scooter and unplug it once it's fully charged. Keep exits clear while it's charging, and only charge it when you're at home and awake — never leave it unattended.



STAY SAFE

Look out for battery issues like swelling, overheating, strange noises or smells, reduced performance, or smoke. If you spot anything unusual, stop using the e-scooter, get out, raise the alarm, and call 999.

Never put lithium-ion batteries in household bins — they can ignite when crushed. Check your local authority's website for safe disposal.

For more information & safety guidance scan the QR code or visit www.notts-fire.gov.uk



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