



This
information sheet
provides guidance on
the current laws for
e-scooters in
the UK

PARENT'S GUIDE TO

ELECTRIC SCOOTER (E-SCOOTERS)



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WHAT ARE E-SCOOTERS?

- E-Scooters are classed as "Powered transporters". This term covers a variety of personal transport devices which are powered by a **Motor**.

- You can legally buy an e-scooter but **cannot ride it** on a public road, cycle lane or pavement.

ONLY PRIVATE LAND

THEY ARE NOT TOYS!

DID YOU KNOW?

- E-Scooters are illegal for use in any public space unless rented as part of a government trial
- Riding an e-scooter on the road is against the law as per the Road Traffic Act of 1988 and the Highway Act of 1835
- E-scooters are prohibited from being used on cycle tracks, cycle lanes or other spaces dedicated to pedal cycle use.
- Privately owned e-scooter can only be ridden on private land.





WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT POLICE TO DO IF THEY STOP ANYONE RIDING AN E-SCOOTER ON A PUBLIC ROAD?

Alongside the Section 59 of the Police Reform Act legislation, Cleveland Police have introduced a policy to tackle the nuisance of e-scooters which follows a three-strike system.

1. You will be taken home with the scooter and recorded on the police systems
2. You will be referred to attend a course and have the scooter seized.
3. You will be prosecuted with road related offences and sent to court.

WHAT OFFENCES WILL I BE PROSECUTED FOR?

A person using a powered transporter on a public road or other prohibited space is in breach of the law and will be prosecuted. There are a range of offences that you will be reported for. These will include, driving without a licence, insurance, due care as well as offences relating to harm caused to a person (causing serious injury or death through careless or dangerous driving).

Those who use powered transporters under the influence of drink or drugs can lead to imprisonment.

Offences relating to the standard of driving and speeding also apply.

ARE E-SCOOTERS SAFE TO RIDE ON PUBLIC ROADS?

- E-scooters can be very dangerous and are not designed for use on public roads
- They have no suspension meaning even a minor defect in the road could cause the rider to fall off the scooter
- E-scooter consist of a thin piece of metal between two small tyres with the user being inches from the road surface. This can result in a significant risk of traumatic injury on the road
- E-scooters are not designed to carry more than one person
- E-scooters are small, quiet and quick, meaning they present safety challenges when being ridden on busy public roads
- E-scooters can be dangerous when used in parks or on public footpaths as they can cause significant risk of injury to pedestrians

E-SCOOTER TRIALS

There are no government e-scooter trials in Cleveland. All e-scooters being used are illegal and will be dealt with accordingly.