

E-SCOOTERS KNOW THE LAW BEFORE YOU RIDE

Electric Scooters – Know the Law Before You Ride

As the summer holidays are we are seeing more children and young people riding electric scooters in our neighbourhoods.

We want to ensure that parents, carers and young people understand the law, the risks and the potential consequences before using an electric scooter.

**IT'S
ILLEGAL
IN PUBLIC
PLACES**



WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY?

Privately owned electric scooters (e-scooters) are currently **illegal to use in public places**, including:

- ✗ Roads
- ✗ Pavements
- ✗ Cycle lanes
- ✗ Parks
- ✗ Public open spaces



They can only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.



WHY ARE E-SCOOTERS DIFFERENT?

Many people think electric scooters are toys, but they are not.

E-scooters are classed as **motor vehicles** under road traffic law. This means rules relating to insurance, licences and road use apply to them.



MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Before riding an electric scooter, ask yourself:

- Is it legal to ride where I am?
- Am I putting myself or others at risk?
- Do I understand the rules?

A moment of fun can lead to a serious injury or collision.

Please think about the safety of pedestrians, especially younger children, elderly residents and those with disabilities.



MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Many electric scooters are purchased as gifts and children may not realise that using them in public places is against the law.

Please speak to your children about:

- ✓ Where electric scooters can and cannot be used
- ✓ The risks of collisions and injuries
- ✓ Their responsibilities when using any powered vehicle
- ✓ Respecting other people in the community



WHAT COULD HAPPEN?

If a privately owned e-scooter is ridden illegally in a public place, police may:

- Stop the rider
- Seize the e-scooter
- Report offences where appropriate
- Issue fines and penalty points where legislation allows

The scooter could also be seized for having no insurance.



SAFETY ADVICE

If using an e-scooter on private land:

- ✓ Always wear a helmet
- ✓ Stay aware of your surroundings
- ✓ Never carry passengers
- ✓ Avoid using mobile phones or headphones
- ✓ Ride responsibly and consider others



DID YOU KNOW?

More than **55%** of UK adults don't realise that riding a privately owned e-scooter on public roads or pavements is **illegal**?

RIDING AN UNINSURED E-SCOOTER COULD RESULT IN:



£300+ fines (and in some cases unlimited fines)



6 penalty points on your licence (or on a "ghost licence" if you don't yet have one)



Your e-scooter being seized and destroyed



Personal liability for compensation costs if you injure someone or damage property

Help keep yourself, and our roads and pavements safe, don't ride.



OUR SUMMER MESSAGE

We are seeing an increase in children and young people riding electric scooters across our communities.

Before riding, please make sure you understand the law and the potential consequences.

Electric scooters are not toys. They are powered vehicles and can cause serious injury to riders and others if used irresponsibly.

Let's work together to keep everyone safe this summer.



E-SCOOTERS CANNOT BE USED IN PUBLIC PLACES BY ANYONE, REGARDLESS OF AGE.



**YOUR LOCAL SAFER
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For more information and advice visit:
www.met.police.uk/e-scooters
or search 'electric scooters law'

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ALWAYS CALL 999