


E-scooter know the law

It's
illegal

It is against the law
to ride an e-scooter
on a public road,
cycle path or pavement.

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 101 non-emergency, in an emergency always call 999



We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle path or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as: MOT, Licensing, Tax and Insurance.

What happens if I am stopped by Police?

Section 165A of the Road Traffic Act 1988, allows the Police to seize any motor vehicle being used on a road which does not have the required documentation, which includes a driving licence for that class of

vehicle. Once seized by the Police it can be disposed of in accordance with force policy. The rider of the E-Scooter will also be liable for prosecution which can result in a fine, points on a driving licence or both.

Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter with the likelihood the E-scooter will be disposed of accordingly if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

For more information please contact your local Neighbourhood Team or visit: www.gloucestershire.police.uk