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E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

It is against the law to ride a privately-owned electric scooter (e-scooter) on a public road or pavement. We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.

Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place those e-scooters can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission.

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on the roads.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEV's), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

- MOT
- licensing
- tax
- insurance





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What happens if I'm stopped by the police?

The police will advise you of the current law on using an e-scooter legally and have the powers to seize it. Alongside this you could face a fine and/or points on your driving licence as anyone riding an e-scooter, must adhere to the normal traffic laws when on the road. Once seized the e-scooter is destroyed.

E-scooter trials

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire,

with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. Enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:

Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

