

THE LAW

An electric scooter is essentially a scooter powered by a motor, meaning they are classified as a 'motor vehicle' in law.

Because of this, you must be aged **18** and over to use an e-scooter.

The Government is running trials to explore the positive and negative impacts of e-scooters on public roads, as well as to ascertain where the law should stand on electric scooters moving forward.

e-scooters are currently limited to a maximum speed of **15.5mph**.

Riding an e-scooter in public when it is not part of an authorised trial is against the law and can result in penalty points, a fine and the vehicle being seized.

If caught riding an e-scooter on a public highway, pavement or cycle lane it could be seized by the police.

To recover the seized scooter could cost you **£150** and a further **£10** a day in storage fees.

You could then be reported for driving offences which would lead to significant penalty points and a fine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

E-SCOOTER TRIALS:

www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT GUIDANCE

www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters

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FOR NON-URGENT INCIDENTS, REPORT ONLINE			
www.lincs.police.uk/onlinereporting			



e-scooters

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IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE AN E-SCOOTER....

- On a public road without complying with several legal requirements, which potential users will find very difficult.
- In spaces that are set aside for use by pedestrians, cyclists, and horse-riders. This includes on the pavement and in cycle lanes.

Any person who uses an e-scooter on a public road, or other prohibited space in breach of the law is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted.

WHEN IS IT LEGAL?

- On private land with the permission of the land owner.

ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION

As a motor vehicle, they must comply with various pieces of Road Traffic Legislation, including, but not limited to:

- Driving with a licence
- Driving/riding with insurance
- Driving/riding other than on a road
- Needs to be taxed

It is not currently possible to get appropriate insurance for privately owned e-scooters, meaning it is illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

ENFORCEMENT

The most appropriate action for the circumstances will be given, these include:

- A Fixed Penalty Notice for no insurance, with a **£300** fine and six penalty points
- A Fixed Penalty Notice for no driving licence, up to **£100** fine and three to six penalty points
- Riding on the footway: Fixed Penalty Notice and **£50** fine
- Using a mobile phone: **£100** and six penalty points
- Riding through red lights: Fixed Penalty Notice, **£100** fine and possible penalty points
- Drink driving offences: As with driving cars; court-imposed fines, driving ban and possible imprisonment

SAFETY

When using an e-scooter on private land or within a trial area, we would always recommend you:

- Wear safety protection, such as a helmet when riding.
- Keep to the speed limit.
- Consider wearing high visibility clothing at night-time.
- Use your brakes judiciously. Your braking habits can have a direct impact on how smooth or rough your ride will be.
- Ride defensively. A sensitive rider has a better chance of avoiding and preventing a collision.
- Slow down before turning or looking back. Just as it is with riding a motorbike, make a habit of slowing down.

