e-scooters & the law...



While you can legally buy an e-scooter in the UK, you cannot ride it on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place it can be used is on private land.

What happens if I am stopped by the police?

You will be advised on the law and may be asked to take your e-scooter home.

Depending on the seriousness of the offence, you could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice which includes a fine and up to six penalty points.

Offences, which may result in penalties, include riding without insurance and a driving licence, riding on the footpath, using a mobile phone, riding through red lights and drink driving offences.

Did you know?

e-scooters are treated as motor vehicles by the Department of Transport and are subject to the same legal requirement as other vehicles, such as MOT, licencing, tax and insurance.

They don't always have number plates, signalling ability or visible rear lights and cannot be used legally on the roads.

What is an e-scooter?

An e-scooter is a small, two-wheeled personal vehicle powered by an electric motor. It is classed as a powered transporter and, under the Road Traffic Act 1988, is treated as a motor vehicle for legal purposes.

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