

E-scooters & electric bikes - do you know the law?



E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

You therefore need to have:

- **A driving licence**
- **Insurance**
- **MOT and Tax**

It is against the law to ride them on the roads/ pavements or in public spaces. This includes car parks and play parks.

Legal **electrically assisted pedal cycles** can be ridden by people over 14 years old. To be compliant with the law:

- It must have pedals which you need to turn to propel it
- It should have a motor of 250 watts or less
- The electrical assist should cut out at 15.5 mph

If it doesn't meet these criteria, it is classed as a motor vehicle and needs a licence, insurance, MOT and tax to be ridden legally.

If you use an e-scooter or e-bike against the law, you run the risk of it being seized and destroyed. You may also be prosecuted.



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