

PRIVATE E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW



*Staying on the
right side of the law*



A privately owned e-scooter can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission



You need a full or provisional UK driving licence with category Q entitlement, and to be fully insured and taxed



If used illegally, you could be fined and get penalty points on your licence. The e-scooter could also be seized

Current law

- ✓ You can legally buy an e-scooter
- ✓ You can legally ride it on private land, but only with the landowner's permission
- ✗ You cannot legally ride it in a public space

Why is this?

⚠ E-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1998, so the same rules apply. You still need a full or provisional licence, insurance and tax.

What happens if I'm stopped by the police?

🚔 We can issue you a warning, seize your e-scooter and you may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

Want to learn more?

We would encourage owners to enjoy e-scooters safely but to do so legally.

For further details about e-scooters and the law, scan the QR code.



TAKE CHARGE

E-Scooter Safety



BUY SAFE

Buy your e-scooter, charger and batteries from reputable retailers and avoid second-hand sites. Register your e-scooter or e-bike for warranty and recall updates, and don't buy modified devices or attempt any modifications.



CHARGE SAFE

Always use the charger that came with your e-scooter and unplug it once it's fully charged. Keep exits clear while it's charging, and only charge it when you're at home and awake — never leave it unattended.



STAY SAFE

Look out for battery issues like swelling, overheating, strange noises or smells, reduced performance, or smoke. If you spot anything unusual, stop using the e-scooter, get out, raise the alarm, and call 999.

Never put lithium-ion batteries in household bins — they can ignite when crushed. Check your local authority's website for safe disposal.

For more information & safety guidance scan the QR code or visit www.notts-fire.gov.uk



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