

This information is for riders of privately-owned electric scooters, or e-scooters.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles

- They are a form of powered transport and are classed as motor vehicles by the Road Traffic Act
- You need at least a provisional driving licence and insurance to use one on a road or public place. Approved hire schemes ensure that riders have these things in place
- Personal users are unlikely to get insurance, so are only allowed to use their e-scooter on private land.

Riders who break the rules are dealt with like any other motorist

- Riders who do not have insurance could get six penalty points and a £300 fine. If a rider is under the influence of drink or drugs they can be arrested and lose their driving licence.

The rules apply to everyone

- The rules apply to adults and under 18s. If a child is stopped riding an e-scooter in a public place, we will provide advice to them and their parents. If this advice is ignored we may take further action.

Police have the power to seize illegally-ridden e-scooters

- If riders break the rules, police can seize their e-scooter. They'd be liable for a fee of at least £150 to reclaim it and will need to show proof of insurance.

