E-Scooters:

What You Need to Know

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You may have seen more people using e-scooters recently. Because they are easy to buy, many people think they can be ridden anywhere, just like a bicycle. However, this is a common misunderstanding. The law for e-scooters is very different from the law for bicycles.



The Rules

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under UK law.

If you own an e-scooter, you can only ride it on private land with the landowner's permission.

It is illegal to ride a privately owned e-scooter on:

- **Roads**
- **Pavements**
- **Cycle paths and cycle lanes**
- **Parks and other public places**

If You Break the Law

Riding a private e-scooter in public could lead to:

- **A fine**
- **Penalty points on a driving licence**
- **The e-scooter being taken by the police**

What About Rental E-Scooters?

Some parts of England have special rental e-scooter schemes. People using these must follow specific rules and have the correct driving licence.

What About Lincolnshire?

Lincolnshire does not currently have a legal rental e-scooter scheme. This means there is no legal way to ride an e-scooter on roads, pavements, cycle paths or other public places in Lincolnshire.

Remember: Just because you see someone riding an e-scooter does not mean it is legal. In Lincolnshire, privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

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E-bikes:

Rules and Safety



E-bikes are becoming more popular and can be a great way to travel. They look like normal bikes but have a battery and motor to help you pedal. It is important to know the rules and how to ride safely.

The Rules

A legal e-bike must:

- Have pedals.
- Only help you up to 15.5 mph (25 km/h).
- Be ridden by someone aged 14 or over.
- Have approved markings identifying manufacturer and power of bike.

If an e-bike follows these rules:

- It can be ridden on roads and cycle paths like a normal bicycle.
- You do not need a driving licence, insurance or road tax.

Stay Safe

- ✅ Wear a helmet every time you ride.
- ✅ Wear bright or reflective clothing so people can see you.
- ✅ Use lights when it is dark or difficult to see.
- ✅ Keep both hands on the handlebars.
- ✅ Follow road signs, traffic lights and cycle path rules.
- ✅ Slow down near pedestrians and prepare to stop at pedestrian crossings.
- ✅ Check your tyres, brakes and battery before setting off.
- ✅ Remember that e-bikes can speed up quicker than normal bikes.

Never

- ❌ Use a mobile phone while riding.
- ❌ Carry extra passengers.
- ❌ Ride carelessly or take risks.
- ❌ Ride a modified e-bike that goes faster than the legal limit. These may be treated as motor vehicles and require a licence and insurance.

Remember: Ride responsibly, follow the rules , and always look out for other road users.