


E-scooters the law and you

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We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

However the current law is clear

You can buy one but you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as:

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What happens if I am stopped by Police?

Some e-scooters have exceptions to this as part of the government trial but this does not extend to any personal e-scooters.

Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

This is also the case for anyone using a Wind Mobility scooter from the Derby City Council electronic scooter scheme.

The Wind Mobility scooter rental scheme is on trial in Derby to 50 participants who live and work in the city.

To use a Wind Mobility scooter you must:

- Be a key worker and/or student
- Be more than 16 years old
- Hold at least a provisional driving licence
- Agree to the Operators Terms at Conditions of use

For more information on this scheme visit: www.derby.gov.uk

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