



E-SCOOTERS

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In most of Sussex* it's currently **against the law** to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

* In Brighton & Hove, rental e-scooters are available through an approved scheme and can be used legally in designated areas.

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

However, the current law states:

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



Why is this?

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988. Which means the rules that apply to motor vehicles, also apply to e-scooters including the need to have a licence, insurance and tax.

It's not currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces.

Your e-scooter may be **seized and destroyed** by police if used illegally or anti-socially.

Report online at **www.sussex.police.uk** or **call 101**.
In an emergency always **call 999**.

Find us on social media   

What happens if I get stopped by Sussex Police?

We are committed to working with communities across Sussex, to ensure the roads are safe for everyone.

Education and advice will be shared when talking to the public on e-scooters, but we will take action against anyone breaking the law. The e-scooter may be seized, and the officer may penalise you further, depending on the seriousness of the offence. Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land, so this doesn't happen to you.

Drink and drug driving laws apply to e-scooters too. If you're caught over the limit while riding, you could be arrested, lose your e-scooter and face a driving ban, even if you don't yet have a driving licence.