



It's illegal  
to ride an  
e-scooter on  
pavements  
& roads

West Yorkshire  
**Safe**  
**Roads**



**WEST YORKSHIRE**  
**POLICE**

# You've been given this flyer because:

**It's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement\*.**

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. If you own an e-scooter, you can only use it on private land.

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

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signalling ability and don't always have visible rear lights, they can't be used legally on roads.

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows the Police to give road users a warning if they are reported to have used their vehicle in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance.

West Yorkshire Police also have the power to issue fines, penalty points or even seize vehicles - please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

West Yorkshire Police and the West Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership want to help everyone use more environmentally friendly modes of transport and improve road safety. This is why we're delivering a range of other innovative schemes to support walking, cycling and public transport use.

*\*certain areas of the country are taking part in government backed e-scooter trials. In these areas e-scooters can be hired for use on roads. Nowhere in West Yorkshire is part of the trials, meaning that the only place e-scooters can be legally ridden in the county is on private land.*

For more information on our walking, cycling and public transport strategies visit the web site or scan the QR code



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