

Why am I being given this flyer?

Because it's currently against the law to ride an electric scooter on a public road, pavement or public space - such as a car park or play park.



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS**



Wiltshire and Swindon



Wiltshire Police Roads Policing Unit, the Road Safety Unit, Youth and Early Intervention Teams and the Office for the Police and Crime Commissioner, are writing to you ahead of the Christmas period.

We want to provide you with information to help ensure that what your young people may want for Christmas, doesn't turn out to be a financial and legal nightmare!

DID YOU KNOW...

E-scooters and e-bikes must **NOT** be ridden on **ANY** roads/pavements/car parks/play parks, or anywhere else the public may have access to such as bridle ways and canal walks. If someone is riding an e-scooter or e-bike in one of these settings, they are **breaking the law**.

The only place e-scooters and e-bikes can lawfully be ridden is on private property, with the homeowners/landowner's permission. Even then, if the police receive a complaint, they will investigate for using the e-vehicle in an anti-social manner. This means if the use of the e-bike/e-scooter/board is causing alarm, harassment or distress to others, the Police

can **seize it** and it may not be returned.

The term "powered transporters" covers a variety of personal transport devices, which are mechanically propelled (propelled by a motor) as well as or instead of being manually propelled. Examples include:

- Segways
- Powered unicycles
- Hoverboards
- U Wheels
- Go-Peds
- E-scooters

We are sharing this important information to help you make the right decision when choosing presents for your family this Christmas.

For more information, please take a look at the following websites:

- [Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | E-bikes and E-scooters \(dwfire.org.uk\)](https://www.dwfire.org.uk)
- [Are electric scooters legal? UK law explained \(September 2023 update\) – Electroheads](#)
- [Advice on e-scooter usage | Wiltshire Police](#)