

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 YOUNG
PEOPLE**



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 offering information to help you make informed choices when it comes to e-scooters and e-bikes.

When making your way round your community, including going to school, you might be using your own transport of some kind - such as pedal cycles or a scooter.

We want to share important information with you about e-scooters and e-bikes, including where you can use them and what the Police can do if they see you riding them illegally.

What is an e-scooter?

Electrical scooters (also known as e-scooters) come under the category of "powered transporters". This covers a range of personal transport devices which are powered by a motor. Examples include:

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

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**. If you cause serious harm to another person whilst riding an e-scooter the incident will be investigated in the same way as if you were riding a motorcycle or driving a car.

Can I use my e-scooter when I go to school / out with my mates?

No. It is currently illegal (against the law) to use them on the roads/pavements or in public spaces, this includes publicly accessed areas, such as car parks and play parks. If you're riding your e-scooter in one of these places, you will risk it being seized under S.165 Road Traffic Act 1988 and **you won't get it back**.

Where can I use my e-Scooter?

You can use an e-scooter on **private land** with the **permission** of the **land/homeowner**, this includes your own home and garden.

However, even there, if police receive a complaint, they will investigate for using the e-bike/e-scooter/board 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 around you, the Police can take it from you and **seize it** under [section 59 of the Police Reform Act](#).