

Why am I being given this flyer?

Because it's
currently against
the law to ride an
e-scooter on a
public road
or pavement.

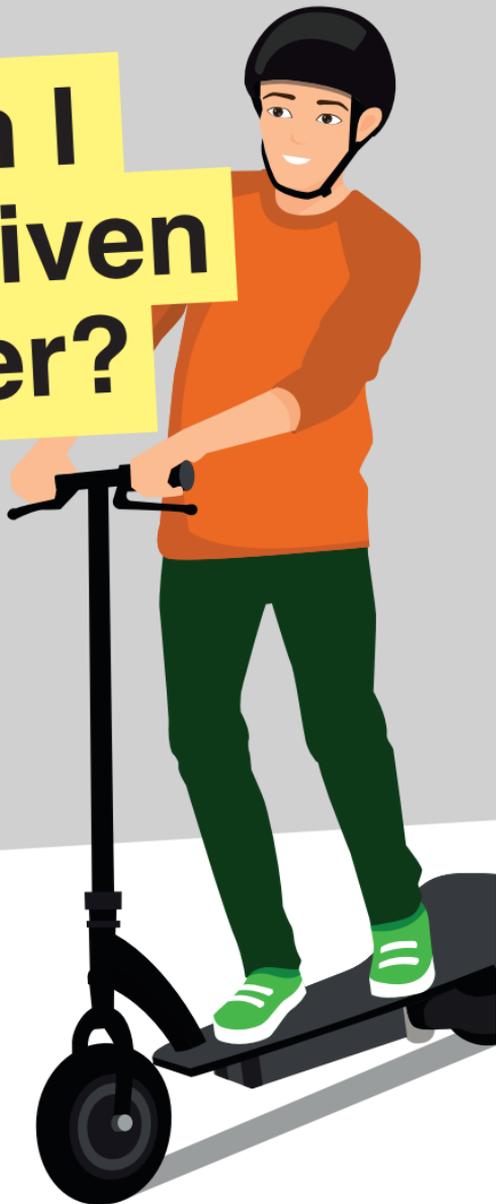
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We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers.

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 with landowner permission.

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:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Insurance
- Drink / Drug driving legislation

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 the roads.

Why can't I use my e-scooter on a public road, cycle lane or pavement?

Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police understand the public's support for environmentally friendly modes of transport. We want to work with the public to make sure the roads are safe for everyone.

Many privately owned e-scooters can reach speeds of up to 30mph. Without noise from an engine, lights, or other methods to alert road users of their presence, e-scooters can be a danger to both riders and other road users.

The UK Government is currently taking part in trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads; however **Sussex are not part of the trials.**

Until the UK Government develops current laws and regulations to include e-scooter use and safety, they remain illegal to use on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements.

What happens if I've been stopped by Sussex Police?

Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 allows police to seize vehicles that are used on the road without a policy of insurance or driving licence. Please make sure you only ride your e-scooter on private land with permission of the land owner, so this does not happen to you.