

# It's currently **against the law** to ride an **e-scooter** in any **public place**

## 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 tax and insurance.

## The current law is clear

You can buy one but it is illegal to use a PRIVATELY OWNED e-scooter in ANY public space including roads, pavements, parks, town centres or canal towpaths for example. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

## What happens if I've been stopped by Warwickshire Police?

Warwickshire Police have the powers to seize e-scooters and prosecute riders – please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Officers will be using Section 59 of the Police Reform Act to issue a warning to riders of e-scooters and educate them as to the legal requirements. If a rider is under 16 years old then this advice will also be given to the parents.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads. Warwickshire is currently not part of the trials so e-scooters cannot be hired at this time.

