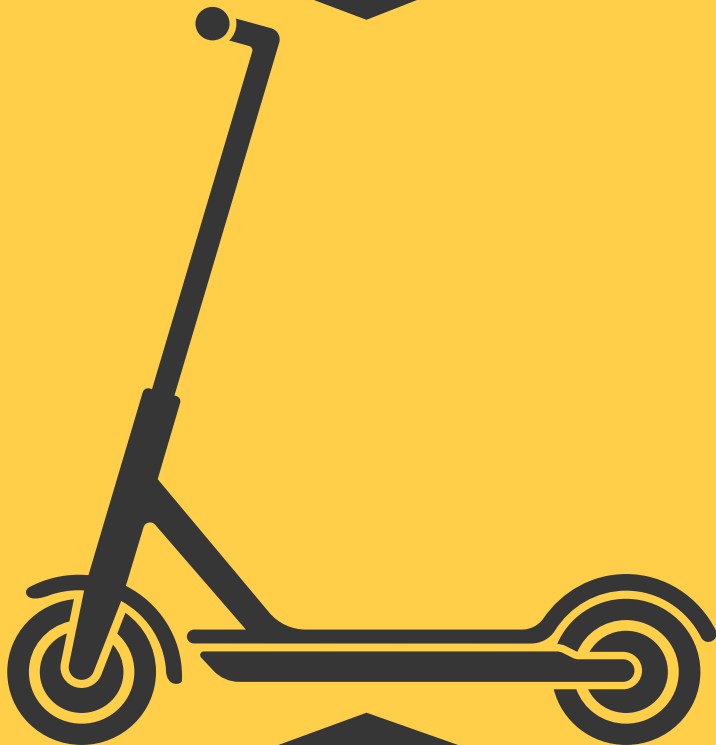


# ESCOOTERS & THE LAW



DO YOU KNOW THE LAW IF YOU HAVE AN E-SCOOTER?

## What is the law if you have an e-scooter

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.

## Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Powered Transporters, so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- 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 the roads.

## What happens if you are stopped?

We 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.

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zones' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

You can check with your local council to see if they have signed up to the controlled trial. In Suffolk, there are not currently any local councils taking part.

## What is a section 59?

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act allows 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. Suffolk Police also have the powers to seize vehicles. Please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Report a crime to us at [suffolk.police.uk](https://www.suffolk.police.uk) or call 101. In an emergency call 999.



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