

# Do you know the law?

## E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS

The Government have set out a series of regulations relating to the use of e-bikes (also referred to as 'electrically assisted pedal bikes' or EAPCs). According to current legislation, e-bikes can be used on public roads without a license or insurance, provided that:



- Cycles are fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling the bike
- Maximum continuous rated power of the electric motor does not exceed 250 Watts
- Electrical assistance must cut-off when the vehicle reaches 15.5 mph
- The rider is not under 14 years of age

An e-bike which complies with the regulations listed above is not considered to be a motor vehicle under terms stated in the 'Road traffic regulation act 1984 and the 'Road traffic act 1988. As a result, e-bikes meeting these requirements do not need to be insured or registered as a motor vehicle and are not subject to vehicle excise duty (road tax). A vehicle that does not comply with the above EAPC classification will need to be registered, insured and taxed as a motor vehicle. The rider will also need an appropriate driving licence and will need to wear an approved motorcycle safety helmet.

To learn more, visit: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs-in-great-britain-information-sheet](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs-in-great-britain-information-sheet)

### What about e-scooters?

E-scooters are classified as powered vehicles so the rules that apply to motor vehicles also apply to e-scooters, including the need to have a valid licence, insurance and tax. It isn't currently possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or in public spaces. If you use an e-scooter illegally:

- Your scooter may be seized
- You may incur a fine
- You may receive up to six points on your license



Trials of rental e-scooters are currently taking place legally in various locations across the UK. To find out more, visit: [www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users)

If you would like further information please visit  
<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/advice-escooters/>

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## Electrically assisted Pedal Cycle

Maximum power output of 250 watts.  
Should not be able to propel the bike  
when it's travelling more than 15.5mph.

Must Show either:  
Battery voltage  
Or  
Maximum speed of the bike



## Riding unlicensed Power Vehicles

If you have an electric bike that does not comply  
with these rules you risk the vehicle being seized  
and crushed!

Do you have an electric vehicle with an output over  
250 watts? This type of vehicle must be registered,  
taxed and insured. You will need a driving licence  
and to wear a helmet for riding on the roads.

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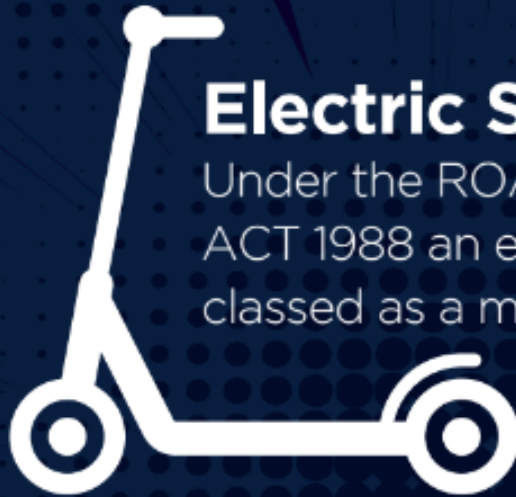
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## Electric Scooters

Under the ROAD TRAFFIC  
ACT 1988 an e-scooter is  
classed as a motor vehicle

**PRIVATELY OWNED  
E-SCOOTERS CANNOT  
BE USED IN ANY  
PUBLIC AREA**

You risk the vehicle being  
seized and crushed

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