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**NORTH WALES**  
**POLICE**

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

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



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## 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. E-scooters can only be used on private land with the permission of the landowner.

## WHY IS THIS?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as a motor vehicle and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have number plates, signally ability and don't always have visible rear light, they can't be used legally on the roads.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I'VE BEEN STOPPED BY NORTH WALES POLICE?

North Wales 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.

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 road.

All local authorities can apply to take part, but at the moment, North Wales are not part of the trails.

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.

North Wales 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.

