

# It's currently **illegal** to ride a **privately owned 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 will happen if I'm stopped by Warwickshire Police?

If you ride an e-scooter on public land and roads you need to comply with a number of conditions including having appropriate insurance. Warwickshire Police has the power to seize e-scooters if you do not have insurance and to prosecute riders – please make sure you keep your privately owned e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

