

## **Police School e-scooter information**

Police are continuing to advise that the use of non authorised e-scooters on public roads are not lawful. The only e-scooters that are permitted to be used are the official council schemes that are unavailable to under 18 year olds.

e-scooters are classified as motor vehicles and need to be fully compliant with those riding having a driving licence and insurance. As you are unable to obtain e-scooter insurance they are not to be used on public roads or areas. Official schemes do have insurance in effect and check driving licences.

We are seeing an increasing number of collisions involving e-scooters and provide this information to safeguard the public. Private e-scooters are generally black with low level lighting with the rider standing still. This narrow silhouette makes you very difficult to be seen.

Children are often at increased risk as they don't have the understanding of roads, lack experience, susceptible to peer pressure, carrying passengers and unnecessary risk taking. If stopped they could face a fine, penalty points and seizure of the e-scooter.

We advise parents and carers to consider the risks involved in e-scooter use and protect their children through prohibiting their use. With Christmas in some minds, they are not suitable presents for use in public spaces.

The risk of fire during charging of private e-scooters can also cause serious human and physical harm.

Your support and assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

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