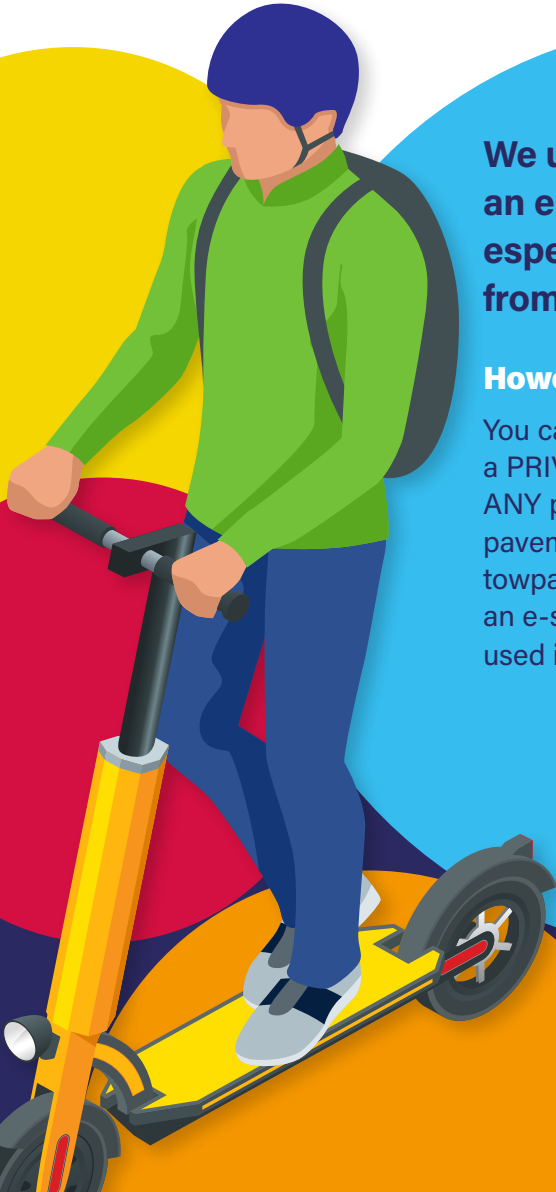


It's currently **against the law** to ride an **e-scooter** in any **public place**

An illustration of a person wearing a blue helmet, a green long-sleeved shirt, and blue trousers, riding a yellow e-scooter. The person is shown in profile, facing right. The background consists of large, overlapping circles in yellow, red, and orange.

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

However 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.

An illustration of a person wearing a purple long-sleeved shirt and light blue trousers, riding a green e-scooter. The person is shown in profile, facing right. The background consists of large, overlapping circles in blue and dark blue.

What happens if I've been stopped by Warwickshire Police?

Warwickshire Police have the powers to seize e-scooters and prosecute riders – please make sure you keep your e-scooter on private land so this doesn't happen to you.

Officers will be using Section 59 of the Police Reform Act to issue a warning to riders of e-scooters and educate them as to the legal requirements. If a rider is under 16 years old then this advice will also be given to the parents.

Warwickshire is currently not part of the trials so e-scooters cannot be hired at this time.

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 the roads.

Warwickshire Police and partners 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.



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:

- MOT
- Tax
- Licensing
- 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.

