

**Parents/Guardians,**

**Thinking of buying an e-scooter, electric motorbike or electrically assisted pedal cycle for Christmas?**

# STOP!

Although you can buy an **e-scooter** from many retailers they are illegal to ride on a UK public road, area, cycle lane, pavement or play area. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land with the owners permission.

This is because e-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs) so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as MOT, Licensing, Tax and Insurance. If you get stopped by the police it will be seized and destroyed. The rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

**The same applies for electric motorbikes.** (Sur-ons etc)

In regards to **electrically assisted pedal cycles** (EAPCs), you do not need a licence to ride it and it doesn't need to be registered, taxed or insured **but** you need to be **at least 14 years old to ride one**, the bike cannot have a power output of over 250w and cannot have electric assistance over 15.5mph.

The bike must have pedals to propel it, 'twist and go' throttles are not allowed and the battery voltage and maximum speed needs to be shown on it.

**We don't wish to be a bah humbug at Christmas, but please bear in mind this information before deciding to buy anyone something that not only is illegal but could cause injury or death to the rider or a pedestrian.**

Thankyou

**Chesterfield Safer Neighbourhood Team  
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