

TfB Road safety news

Welcome to the latest issue of the Road Safety newsletter.

With each issue, we'll be keeping you up to date with our latest campaigns, events, news, road safety tips and more. Don't forget to follow us on social media [@travelsafebucks](#) on Twitter and Travel Safe Bucks on Facebook.

March's campaign - Two wheels!

Transport for Buckinghamshire's road safety initiative, Travel Safe Bucks (TSB) has launched its latest social media campaign to raise awareness of the laws on privately owned electric scooters – which are illegal for use on public roads, cycle lanes and pavements.

Under government regulations, e-scooters are classed as 'powered transporters' - a term used to cover a variety of novel and emerging personal transport devices which are powered by a motor.

While trials of rental e-scooter schemes were made legal by the Government in July 2020 – and have since been launched in Aylesbury and High Wycombe in November 2020 – the laws on private e-scooters have remain unchanged.

This means anyone who uses a privately owned e-scooter on a public road or other prohibited space is committing a criminal offence and can be prosecuted.

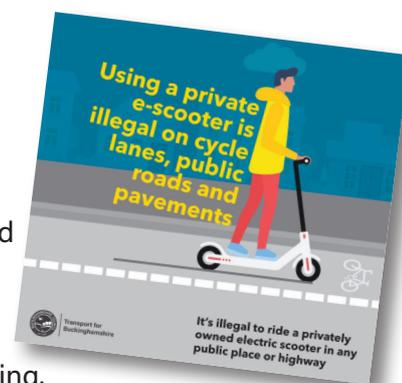
The potential penalties depend on the nature and gravity of the offence, ranging from a fine and penalty points to disqualification from driving.

The e-scooter could also be impounded.

People using e-scooters dangerously or while under the influence of drink or drugs can also be convicted of offences leading to imprisonment.

It is only legal to use a privately owned e-scooter on private land, with the permission of the landowner.

The new campaign launched is running across Facebook and Twitter and will be running throughout March and into April and is supported by the Thames Valley Police and Hampshire Constabulary Joint Operations Roads Policing Unit.



Be a Better Biker!

We might not be able to run our usual 'Be a Better Biker' courses right now, but we still want to make sure we're sharing plenty of biker safety tips and info with you.

Riding a motorbike safely requires skill and good judgement. Failure to possess both of these skills may result in a crash. You can find out more about some of the most common types of motorcycle crashes and how you can reduce the chance of them happening at [Ride Safe - RoSPA](#) and [ridesafe.pdf \(rospa.com\)](#)

Motorcycling is a skill for life and like any skill, it needs to be practised, honed and developed. If you haven't been out on your bike for a while, ease yourself back into riding gently and think about refresher training. For more info, help and tips, check out some of these websites:



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