Why am I being given this flyer?

Because it's currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

In an emergency call **999**
For non emergencies call **101**
northants.police.uk

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 you can't ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

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**
- **Licensing**
- **Tax**
- **Insurance**

Some e-scooters have exceptions to this as part of the government trial but this does not extend to any personal e-scooters.

What happens if I am stopped by Police?

Section 59 of the police reform act allows police to issue a warning if a vehicle is being used in a manner which may cause alarm, distress or annoyance. Being issued with this warning does not stop the e-scooter being seized.

Police can seize any private scooter if they are being used on a public road or footpath and the rider may also be liable for prosecution for traffic offences.

This is also the case for anyone using Voi scooters without a licence or registering with the Voi app as this is what covers you under their insurance.

voi. are a company that are running a trial of the use of e-scooters in Northampton but will be expanding the use of the scooters across the county.

Voi e-scooters have an exemption as part of the government trial which make them legal for use on the road.

To use a Voi scooter you must:

- Be over 18 AND
- Have a full UK or foreign licence or a UK provisional licence
- Have an account registered with Voi via their website or app
- Only use the e-scooters on roads limited to 30mph (not on pavements) or designated cycle lanes.
- Always have full control of the e-scooter whilst you are riding and not allow yourself to be distracted by other things.

You must not:

- Use an e-scooter if you are under 18
- Use an e-scooter if you do not have the correct licence
- Ride the e-scooters on pavements
- Ride an e-scooter under the influence of drink/drugs
- Ride an e-scooter using someone else's Voi account
- Have more than one rider on an e-scooter at a time

For full details on their use look on Voi's website or on their app **www.voiscooters.com**

For education around the use of e-scooters and road safety go to **www.ridesafe.voi.com** and complete the online training.

