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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2025/689 - E-Scooters

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. I'd like to know the number of E-Scooters that North Wales Police have seized, broken down by years, over the last 3 years.

2022 = 3
2023 = 21
2024 = 27
2025 to date = 32

2. I'd like to see any internal policies or guidance notes that the force has regarding enforcement action involving E-Scooters or E-Bikes.

The below guidance was circulated to all employees on 02/12/2024.

E-Scooters and Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs)

Public confusion exists as to the legislation and driver's obligations relating to E-scooters and Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles. The following information should help both to educate, and enforce legislative requirements:

E-scooters

- E-scooters are classed as power transporters, and are defined as motor vehicles under the Road Traffic Act 1988, requiring the rider to have a driving licence, insurance, and tax. It's not currently possible to get insurance, which means it's illegal to use them on the road or other public place.
- A private e-scooter used on a road, or other public place may be seized under section 165 Road Traffic Act 1988 for no insurance.
- Where trial rental schemes are operating in the UK, it's legal to use a rental e-scooter on a public road or cycle lane, provided you have the correct licence and follow road traffic regulations.
- More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/power-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs)

Electric cycles are sustainable, economical, accessible, and promote a health-conscious means of transportation. While manufacturers and retailers promote electric cycles as road legal, there are certain laws and requirements that people need to know:

- Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles (EAPCs) may only be ridden by persons 14 years of age or older. If conforming to the EAPC Regulations 1983, they are road-legal and don't require a

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licence, insurance, or registration. EAPCs may be ridden on cycle paths, and anywhere else pedal cycles are allowed.

- To classify as an EAPC, it must be fitted with pedals which can propel the bike, a maximum power output of 250 watts which cannot propel the bike at more than 15.5mph. If the rider isn't pedalling, 'twist and go' throttles are only permissible up to a speed of 6 kph (or 3.7 mph). The bike must display the motor's power output, or manufacturer's name and show either the battery voltage or maximum speed.
- It is a matter for a court to decide; however, the Department for Transport (DfT) view an EAPC as a Mechanically Propelled Vehicle (MPV).
- Road Traffic Act offences will be committed where death or serious injury is caused to another person by dangerous or careless/inconsiderate driving, and driving, or being in charge of an MPV, when under influence of drink or drugs.
- The police may seize MPVs when being driven/ridden carelessly or inconsiderately and is causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.
- A driver of a MPV has a duty to stop and provide their details following a collision where personal injury is caused to a person other than the driver, damage is caused to another vehicle or property, or to an animal, other than being transported by that MPV. The drivers name and address (and owner if different) and the identification marks of the vehicle should be provided to a person requiring them. If for any reason the driver does not give their name and address, they must report the collision to the police.
- Any electric cycle that doesn't conform to the EAPC regulations falls under the category of a motorcycle or moped. Such bikes require a licence, registration, and taxation. You must possess a driving licence and wear a crash helmet for safety to ride these.
- More information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs/electrically-assisted-pedal-cycles-eapcs-in-great-britain-information-sheet>

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