



Dear Parent/carer,

Cumbria Police are aware of the ever-increasing problem surrounding the use of Electronic Bikes and E-Scooters, and the direct link this has to Anti-Social Behaviour in the local area.

The term 'Anti-Social Behaviour' is defined as '*conduct that has caused or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.*'

We write to you to advise you of the risks involved in this behaviour and to ask for your support in reminding children that their behaviour can have a big impact on their lives and future.

It is vital that people are aware of the consequences of the use of Electronic Bikes or E-Scooters.

Potential consequences include the financial cost to recover the item if seized, fines of up to £300, up to 6 points if a license is held and the prosecution of criminal offences associated with driving or accidents that may occur as a result of dangerous driving.

Many young people do not know that driving an e-bike or E-Scooter on the road without a license or insurance is a criminal offence and can result in prosecution.

With Christmas fast approaching, we urge parents and guardians to think about the hazards and impact children face owning an E-Bike or E-Scooter. It is a common misconception that because they are sold by legitimate means, they must be legal. This is in fact not the case, and by owning either an E-Bike or E-Scooter and using it on the road without a license or insurance, your child is in fact breaking the law. They are, however, permitted to use them on private property if the landowner's permission has been obtained beforehand.

Cumbria Police continue to work with education providers and children to highlight the dangers but ask if you could reinforce our message and remind your children of the useful tips below.

- Encourage your child to use their E-Bike/Scooter on private land with the landowner's permission.
- Ensure your child is being safe by wearing a helmet.
- Discourage the use of E-Bikes/Scooters on roads and public places.

- Be aware of the legalities when purchasing an E-Bike/Scooter
- We encourage you to engage with police to promote the safe use of E-Bikes/Scooters.
- It only takes one moment to cause significant or fatal injury to themselves or others.

Cumbria's Child Centred Policing Teams and Neighbourhood Policing Teams are here to support children and advise parents. If you have any concerns or information about Anti-Social use of E-Bikes or E-Scooters, then please contact police on www.cumbria.police.uk/report-it. You can also call 101 or live chat with an officer through our website.

We have also attached additional information relating to this issue.

Yours faithfully,
Cumbria Neighbourhood Policing Teams
Cumberland and Westmorland BCU Carlisle and Wigton