

LEGAL MOTORCYCLING

WHAT THE LAW SAYS



It is against the law to use a mini moto, quad bike or motorbike in public parks, open spaces or on footpaths, pavements, cycle routes and bridleways.

PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

It is also an offence to use a mini moto, quad bike or motorbike on a footpath to pass from one piece of private land to another.

UNDER 16

The only place that you can ride a mini moto, quad bike or motorbike is on private land but you must have the permission of the land owner.

16+

You can use a mini moto, quad bike or motorbike on the road if you meet the legal requirements outlined below, or on private land if you have the land owner's permission.

RIDING LEGALLY ON THE ROAD

THE FACTS

You can only ride a motorbike legally on the road if you have ALL of these:

- 1 A motorbike which has been approved for road use. Most mini motos and quad bikes can't be used on the road because they do not meet road safety standards. Check with the manufacturer.
- 2 A full driving licence and Compulsory Basic Training (CBT) certificate - a provisional driving licence and CBT certificate is sufficient to ride a motorbike up to 125cc with 'L' plates.
- 3 A valid insurance policy with minimum of third party cover.
- 4 An MOT test certificate to ensure your vehicle is roadworthy, with all lights and mechanics in good working order.
- 5 Registration and tax obtained from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).
- 6 An approved protective helmet is a legal requirement for mini-motos and motorbikes.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even if you are just pushing or parking the bike in a public place, it is still illegal, unless you have ALL of the above.

Footpaths alongside the road, as far as the law is concerned, actually form part of the road.

ACCIDENT STATISTICS

THE FACTS

Motorcyclists are roughly 38 times more likely to be killed in a road traffic accident than car occupants, per mile ridden

30 motorcyclists are killed or injured every day at junctions

In 2013, 331 motorcyclists died and 4,866 were seriously injured in road collisions in Great Britain.

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RIDE SAFE TO RIDE AGAIN



Even when it is not a legal requirement to **wear a crash helmet**, for instance when riding motorcycles on private land with the permission of the land owner, It is strongly recommended that you wear an approved protective crash helmet.

To **improve your visibility** and reduce the likelihood of an accident you need to wear bright or florescent clothing during the day and reflective clothing or strips at night.

Fall off your bike and tarmac will shred through your jeans in seconds. Bikers **must wear** a protective jacket, gloves, boots and trousers.



CRIMINAL OFFENCES

AND THE CONSEQUENCES

INCONSIDERATE OR CARELESS RIDING

WHAT IS INCONSIDERATE OR CARELESS RIDING?

Whether on or off road, if your driving or vehicle causes alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.

WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

You could receive a legal notice and your vehicle could be seized. Depending on the situation you could also be prosecuted and fined.

LEGAL NOTICE

A legal notice is recorded on the Police National Computer. It lasts for 12 months and applies to you and the vehicle you were riding at the time.

AFTER THE LEGAL NOTICE ...

If you or the bike you are riding has already received a legal notice, further offences would result in the motorcycle being seized and a prosecution of the rider, even when the bike has been ridden on private land with the owner's permission.

WHAT IF MY BIKE IS SEIZED?

If your bike is seized by the police you will have to pay the cost of recovery as well as a fee for each day your bike is in storage. In some cases your bike might be crushed.

NO LICENCE OR CBT

You can be prosecuted and have your vehicle seized - you can still get points without a licence.

NO INSURANCE

You can be prosecuted and have your vehicle seized, which could result in six points on your licence and a £200 fine.

RIDING ANTI-SOCIALLY

If you cause alarm, distress or annoyance to any member of the public, after receiving a warning the police and council can use this as evidence to apply for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order against you.

CAUSE CRIMINAL DAMAGE

By riding on fields belonging to the council or private owners without permission, you could be arrested and sued for the damage caused and the cost of repair.

CAUSE NOISE NUISANCE

If you cause a noise nuisance when riding off the road, the council can serve you with a legal notice. If you ignore this notice, the council can seize your vehicle and prosecute you.

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FREEDOM TO RIDE

MOTOCROSS TRACKS



The best place to ride your bike off-road is at a commercial motor sports track, an off-road "pay and play" centre, or by joining a reputable club specialising in off-road activities.

Doing it this way means that you will have the freedom to ride your motocross, quad bike or motorbike without ending up riding illegally on a public path or road. You won't be near to members of the public who could be affected by the noise of your bike and you are less likely to get arrested!

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QUIZ

What is the most important protective item to wear when on a mini moto, quad bike or motorbike?

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Cap

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Crash helmet

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Beanie

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Slippers

If you are under 16 where can you ride your mini moto, quad bike or motorbike?

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In a public park

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On a public footpath

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On private land with the permission of the land owner

How many motorcyclists are killed every day at junctions in Great Britain?

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10

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30

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50

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70

NOW LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

Name _____

Date _____

How did you find this session?

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Good

☐

Alright

☐

Bad

Did you learn...

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Something useful

☐

A little

☐

Nothing

