



E-Scooter Warning to Parents

Humberside Police has been running Operation Yellowfin for several years, of note over the last 4 years, there has been a surge in ownership and usage of E-Scooters within our policing area.

E-Scooters **are not, nor have they ever been** legal to ride within North East Lincolnshire public areas, and disclaimers are being issued by businesses selling them regarding this matter, such as the following:-

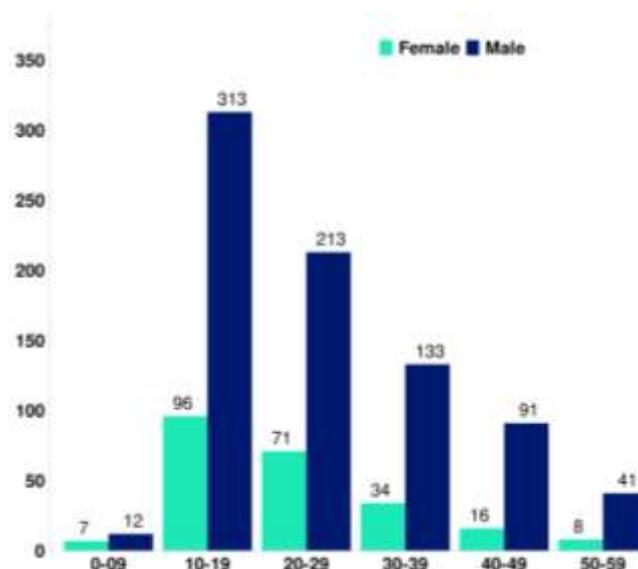
Please note it is illegal to use an e-scooter on a public road, pavement, cycle lane or bridleway. E-Scooters should only be ridden on private land with the permission of the land owner.

This is due to them falling within the same legal parameters as a motorbike, meaning they meet all the same documentation requirements for usage in public areas.

Continuing to ride these vehicles in and around school grounds leaves you liable to the vehicle being seized under Section 165 Road Traffic Act. This can lead to you being prosecuted for having no insurance on the vehicle and being issued 6 penalty points on a driving license.

Moving past the legalities of them, they are extremely dangerous for students to be riding, given the standing position when using them with no safety measures, there is a significant risk of serious leg, hip and lower back injuries if involved in an accident, of which children within the age bracket of schools across the country is most significant.

Collisions can be extremely traumatising for children and can affect their development into





the later years of their lives. Preventing them taking place should be at the forefront of everyone's mind.

Coming up to the Summer period, with the weather improving and children more likely to be outdoors, it should also be noted that E-Scooters pose a significant fire risk, this is due to the lithium ion batteries overheating.

This isn't just taking place outdoors, there has been numerous cases whereby the battery cells have caught fire whilst on charge within addresses.

In a controlled environment, fire fighters have tested the safety of these vehicles, showing that a fire from an E-Scooter can happen and spread through an address in as little as 10 minutes.



Neighbourhood Policing Teams within Humberside Police have good working relationships with local schools, and if required to assist in prevention work around E-Scooters continuing to be used in and around school grounds, seizures will happen to protect other students and parents.

Please consider disposing of these vehicles safely to prevent the need to come to police attention.

Yours Faithfully

Grimsby East Policing Team

