

Cheshire Police – E-Scooter safety, awareness, and Legal requirements

Electric Scooters now being trialled in 26 different countries around the world and in the UK there are currently 9 trial areas. (The main company for trialling these are VOI) They are called 'PLEVS' (Personal Light Electric Vehicles) and they are classed as a motor vehicle the same as a car or a motor bike.

So to ride a privately owned one legally one will need road tax, a full or provisional licence , MOT, insurance and not forgetting the construction and use of obligatory lighting / indicators and they must be limited to 15.5mph, also the rider should be over the age of 16.

Due to the strict legislation private ones do not come with any of the above which is why the private ones can only be ridden on private land, helmets are recommended but not mandatory.

All the usual traffic offences apply including having no insurance, driving licence offences, disqualified driving, drink & drug driving, contravening a red light, sec 3 offences, and failing to stop for the police.

A normal Road Traffic Collision recording process is to be followed due to the PLEV being classed as a vehicle.

So for the formal hire of a PLEV it has to be done from a reputable and legitimate company where on hire you enter into an agreement with the company and with this comes the insurance.

Each individual hired PLEV will also come with its own unique identity number, it does have to be visible.

A PLEV purchased from a reputable store IS NOT for use on a public road or footpath bearing in mind the carriageway runs from perimeter fence, wall or hedge to perimeter fence, wall or hedge the other side of the road.

If used on a public road they can be seized under sec 165 of The Road Traffic Act 1988 and if the person riding it has a driving licence they can be issued a Traffic Offence Report which could result in 6 points and the £300 penalty

For more information visit: <http://orlo.uk/KtiBs>