



# Dear Parents, Guardians and Father Christmas/Santa,

## Has your little elf asked for an e-scooter or e-bike for Christmas?

The following is basic information on where e-bikes and e-scooters can be used within the law.

**We want to make sure your Christmas presents end up in a pile like this...**



**...and not this**



	E-Scooter *	E-Bike (pedals)	E-motorbike (no pedals)
<b>What is it?</b>	Any scooter powered by a battery.	A bicycle powered by a 250w max battery with pedals to propel (15.5mph)	A battery powered motorbike, moped or bike with no pedals to propel.
<b>Under 16 in public</b>	No *	14+ only	No
<b>In a public area</b>	No *	Yes, if compliant	Yes if taxed and insured
<b>On private land - with the landowners permission</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Can I use it on cycle paths?</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>Can I use it on the pavement?</b>	No *	No	No
<b>Can I use it on the road?</b>	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Is there a safety risk?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Is there a fire risk?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Would it be seized?</b>	Yes *	Yes, if not compliant	Yes if not taxed and insured
<b>What can I get instead that is legal for public use?</b>	Commuter or stunt scooter. These can be used in public areas such as parks, skate parks and pump tracks. Always wear safety equipment.	Consider a mountain bike. A great way to commute, offering independence and exercise, use in forests and on pump tracks. Always wear safety equipment and use a bike lock.	Age dependent, if over 14 then look at an e-bike, following our guidance and doing your own research. Head to a local private track for more information
<b>Where can I use the legal scooter or bike?</b>	Search for pump tracks to test your skill levels and look at skills training.	Local councils offer information online for the area and clubs for mountain biking and BMX.	Motorcross Clubs.

\*This does not include rental scheme e-scooters which are insured to be used by riders over 16 with a license. Refer to scheme

**No one wants to seize anyone's presents!**



**Cheshire Constabulary**



**Stay safe and legal**

