

Keeping People Safe



# Ride Safe

Scramblers, Go-peds, Buzz Boards,  
Quads and Mini Motos

**Advice and  
Information**



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## THE FACTS

The use of motorised vehicles such as scramblers, go-peds, buzz boards, quads and mini-motos as a leisure activity can be both exciting and fun, however, as with most outdoor activities the use of these vehicles can in some circumstances be dangerous.

The purpose of this leaflet is to educate and encourage the safe and responsible use of these vehicles. It also aims to reduce antisocial behaviour caused by the misuse of such machines.

## THE LAW

Certain scramblers, go-peds, buzz boards, quads and mini-motos do not comply with construction and use legislation and vehicle standards so are therefore, restricted to off-road use only.

## If used on the road the rider would require the following:

- ✓ A driving licence from age 16 (minimum Category AM).
- ✓ At least third party insurance for road use.
- ✓ Have the vehicle registered with the DVLA and display a number plate.
- ✓ Have a Vehicle Excise Licence when used on the road.
- ✓ Have obligatory lamps, reflectors, rear markings and devices fitted.
- ✓ Fulfil all requirements in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1999.
- ✓ A protective helmet in some cases (although the wearing of a helmet in all situations is recommended for personal safety).

These vehicles are intended for off-road use only, they are not toys and therefore, should be treated as motor vehicles. The wearing of suitable safety equipment such as helmets and other protective equipment is highly recommended.

Consideration should also be given to others including off-road vehicles, people on foot (especially children and the elderly) and animals.

# A NOTE TO PARENTS

Please ensure that any child in your care understands both the legal and safety needs before and during use of these vehicles.

No one wants a tragedy in our community. In certain circumstances parents/guardians may be reported for prosecution or issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Police have powers to deal with persons who use their vehicles in such a manner that is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public, for example on a public beach, or use the vehicle on a road or public place without insurance. Both can result in prosecution and may lead to the seizure and disposal of the vehicle.



# THE LAW AND SAFETY

Q What do I need to ride my scrambler, go-ped, buzz board, quad or mini-moto on the road?

A. You need a driving licence minimum category AM (must be 16 years of age to obtain one) or full category B for larger quads; third party insurance, number plates, tax, lights, reflectors (if used on public road) and crash helmet (recommended for quads).

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Q. Are scramblers, go-peds, buzz boards, quads and mini-motos toys?

A. No, a machine powered with a 22.5cc stroke engine or more is deemed to be a motor vehicle.

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Q. Where can I ride my scrambler, go-ped, buzz board, quad or mini-moto?

A. On private property where you have permission to ride -  
**not on the road or public place.**

## Agricultural Use

Quads used in connection with agriculture require a category AM for a 16 year old or a full category B for 17+, they do not fall under category F. They can be defined as an agricultural motor vehicle constructed or adapted for use off roads, used for the primary purpose of agriculture, not being a dual purpose vehicle.

# SLOW DOWN AND CONSIDER OTHERS

The use of motorised vehicles such as scramblers, go-peds, buzz boards, quads and mini-motos as a Leisure Activity can be both **exciting and fun.**

However as with most outdoor activities the use of these vehicles can in some circumstances be **dangerous.**

## SO BE RESPONSIBLE!

For further Information  
call the Police and ask for your local  
Road Policing Education Officer

**CALL THE  
POLICE**

**101**

**IN AN EMERGENCY  
ALWAYS CALL 999**