

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



FOR PARENTS & CARERS

ELECTRIC MOTORBIKES

(SUR-RON, REVVI AND SIMILAR BIKES)

We are seeing a significant increase in the use of electric motorbikes such as Sur-Ron, Revvi and similar off-road style bikes across our communities.

While these bikes may look like a fun gift or an easy way for young people to get around, many are being ridden illegally on roads, pavements, parks and public spaces. They are also increasingly linked to anti-social behaviour, dangerous riding, community complaints, and in some cases wider criminality and exploitation of young people.




We want to work with parents and carers to raise awareness, prevent problems early, and keep young people safe.



ARE THESE BIKES LEGAL?

In most cases, no — not unless they are being used on private land with the landowner's permission.

To be used legally on a public road, these bikes must meet strict legal requirements including:

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|  Vehicle registration |  Number plates |
|  Insurance |  Road tax (where applicable) |
|  MOT (where required) |  Approved safety equipment and legal specification for road use |
|  Appropriate licence for the rider | |



Most Sur-Ron, Revvi and similar bikes being ridden by children and teenagers do not meet these requirements and are therefore illegal for use on roads, pavements, parks, footpaths and other public places.



HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like advice, please contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.



WHAT LEGISLATION APPLIES?

Offences can include:

- Driving otherwise than in accordance with a licence
- Using a motor vehicle without insurance
- Driving a motor vehicle illegally on public land
- Dangerous or careless driving
- Anti-social behaviour offences
- Off-road driving offences under the Road Traffic Act



These are not minor matters and can have serious long-term consequences.



WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES?

Police have powers to:



STOP AND SEIZE
these bikes



ARREST RIDERS
where offences are identified



ISSUE WARNINGS
ASB interventions and prosecutions



APPLY FOR CIVIL ORDERS
where behaviour continues

A young person receiving a criminal record, police disposal, or conviction can affect:

- Future employment opportunities
- Travel visas and international travel
- Driving licence applications
- College and university applications
- Future career options, including public service roles



WHAT ABOUT PARENTS AND CARERS?

Parents can also face consequences where they knowingly allow illegal use or fail to take reasonable steps to prevent it.

This may include:

- Financial loss when bikes are seized and not returned
- Potential prosecution in certain circumstances
- Housing concerns where persistent anti-social behaviour affects tenancy agreements, including social housing tenancies



FIRE SAFETY RISKS

These bikes use large lithium batteries which carry significant fire risks, particularly when:



Charged indoors



Left charging overnight



Charged by unsuitable chargers



Stored incorrectly



Modified or poorly maintained



Battery fires can spread extremely quickly and can be devastating for families and homes.



PLEASE HELP US KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

Many parents are simply unaware of the legal position and risks involved.

We are asking for your support in:

- ✓ Checking whether your child owns or has access to one of these bikes
- ✓ Understanding where and how it is being used
- ✓ Preventing illegal use before police enforcement becomes necessary
- ✓ Speaking openly with young people about safety, consequences and exploitation risks