



THINK



illegal  
motorcycling  
*the problem*

Bromley Council is working in partnership with The Metropolitan Police to combat the problem of illegal motorcycling.

This leaflet gives details of legal requirements of owning a motorcycle or go-ped® using it on roads, other places and on private land.



# illegal motorcycling...

## the danger!

Several people have been **KILLED** in the borough over the past few years when riding illegal motorcycles.

Illegal riding causes a major danger to other road users and pedestrians. Anyone who rides a motorcycle dangerously and injures or kills someone else **faces possible imprisonment**

## powers to seize

Under the 'Police Reform Act', the police can now **seize your motorcycle** if you cause **alarm, distress or annoyance** to members of the public.

Parents are warned that they may be liable to pay a minimum of £105 recovery cost of any motorcycle seized from their child.

Repeat offenders could have their motorcycle taken away from them and disposed of.

**Think twice before you let your child out on that bike!**

## noise nuisance

Anyone caught causing annoyance to the public could face **prosecution** and having their **motorcycle seized**.

## damage

You could commit the offence of criminal damage to land, parks, playing fields etc. If so you could be sued in court for the value of the damage done.

For example, a school playing field may be damaged because of ruts left behind by motorcycles riding over it.

The rider who caused the damage could be **arrested**. If the owner chooses to **sue** you, you would have to pay the costs for the damage to be repaired.

## public places

If you ride a motorcycle on a pavement, in parks or fields without permission, you are committing a serious offence, which could lead to **prosecution**.



off-road motorbike



petrol scooter

## private land

If you ride your motorcycle on private land, without the landowners permission, you can be **prosecuted**.

'Noise nuisance' prosecutions can be brought when you ride your motorcycle in public places or on private land.

## pavements

**Pavements** alongside the road are part of the road. Even pushing a motorcycle along the footpath is counted as it being on the road.

This means it should still be street legal, with lights, brakes, brake lights, speedometer etc all being in working order. The person pushing it must be licensed and insured to ride it.



mini-moto

## What is a 'motorcycle' ?



electric scooter

Whenever it says 'motorcycle' in this leaflet it is referring to any mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on a road.

This includes off road scramble bikes, scooters, go-peds®, mini motorbikes, electric scooters and almost any other form of bike other than bicycles.

**Remember, Crash helmets are required by law, they must be done up and they save lives**