



Mini motos and quad bikes

Make sure you know the law and consider safety before buying, or allowing your child to ride, a mini moto/quad.

Mini motos/quads are regarded as 'motor vehicles' by the government and must be constructed to a specific standard in order to be ridden on a public highway.

As well as meeting construction requirements, mechanically propelled vehicles also need DVLA registration, road tax and a valid MOT to be used on a public highway.

The rider must also:

- Be aged 17 or over (or 16 if the vehicle meets the definition of a moped)
- Hold a valid driving licence and have valid motor insurance
- Wear suitable safety equipment (e.g. motorcycle helmet)

If the conditions outlined are not met it is illegal to ride a mini moto/quad on the road and they should only be ridden on privately owned land with the permission of the land owner or at a specialist site.



Where to ride

The Auto Cycle Union can advise on specialist sites in your area as well as any local competitions that are taking place. Visit their website at www.acu.org.uk or call 01788 566400 for details. Alternatively, your local Safer Neighbourhood Team may know of suitable sites.

Penalties for riding a mini moto/quad illegally

- The bike being seized with a £150 recovery fee, plus £10 per day storage OR the bike being crushed
- Riders appearing in court and being fined OR parents of young offenders appearing in court and being fined
- Riders receiving points on their licence, even if they are too young to hold a licence

Bikes could also be seized and crushed if they are being used in such a way that causes alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public

Safety equipment

All riders, regardless of experience, should wear correctly fitting safety equipment, which includes a motorcycle helmet (E marked or Kite Marked), gloves and elbow/knee pads.

As riding a motorised vehicle of any kind requires a certain level of skill and judgement, we recommend that young riders are supervised at all times.

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www.westmercia.police.uk/report