

Warning

It's legal to ride
an e-bike in the
UK without a
licence, BUT only
if it meets certain
requirements:

For more information please
visit either website:
www.gov.uk
or
www.gloucestershire.police.uk



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E-bike Warning



Gloucestershire
Constabulary

Cheltenham Police have received an increasing amount of reports about illegal e-bikes which are being ridden too quickly and dangerously.

Often e-bikes are too powerful, ridden at high speeds and in an anti-social manner.

We would like to remind riders about the legislation around e-bikes, so you avoid having your e-bike seized.

We recently spoke to 10 delivery riders in Cheltenham and many of their bikes were found to be illegal.

One bike was capable of reaching speeds of up to 40mph.

We understand that you have an important job to do, however you must ensure you are operating within the law.

We are able to seize your bikes under S165 Road Traffic Act and these will then be **destroyed**.



Electrically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations

The power on the motor or battery must **NOT** exceed 250 watts.

A motor in excess of 250 watts is classed as a motor vehicle.

Motor vehicles are subject to Road Traffic Laws. Therefore under Section 165 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, illegal e-bikes above 250 watts will be **SEIZED** for no insurance. You could then be fined.

E-bikes should not go over **3.7 mph / 5.95km/h** unassisted. This means without pedalling.

The maximum speed at which the motor can propel the bike whilst pedalling must not exceed **15.5 mph / 24.94 km/h**.