

# READ THIS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

## EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT E-SCOOTERS

### E-SCOOTERS AND THE LAW

In the UK, the use of privately owned electric scooters, or e-scooters, in public places, such as roads, cycle lanes, pavements and parks, is **ILLEGAL.**

✗ E-scooters are “powered transporters” and classed as motor vehicles under Road Traffic Act 1988. The laws relating to owning and using a motor vehicle therefore apply to e-scooters, meaning they require a licence and insurance to use in public spaces. Insurance is currently not available for e-scooters which makes them **illegal to use in public.**

✗ A privately owned e-scooter can only be used on **private land.**

✗ If you/your child use an e-scooter illegally, you risk facing **criminal prosecution.** If the e-scooter is involved in an accident and **injures or kills someone,** the consequences could be severe.

### INJURIES AND DEATHS

Privately owned e-scooters are illegal to use in public for a reason. They can be **dangerous,** even in the control of experienced adults. They are **not suitable to be used by children,** whose understanding of risk is still developing and who are not familiar with the rules of the road.

According to the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS), there have been **49 deaths from e-scooter accidents** (as of May 2025). In 2023, there were **1,292 collisions** with **1,387 casualties.**

The main types of injuries caused by e-scooter accidents are **head injuries, fractures** and **soft tissue injuries.**



*Jacob was in intensive care for 8 days before he died.*



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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACOB CALLAND

10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Jacob Calland died aged 14 years and 9 months on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Jacob made a split second decision to ride on the back of another boy's e-scooter. They collided with a car and Jacob was thrown into the opposite side of the road where he landed in front of oncoming traffic. The force of the impact was so strong that Jacob's trainers came off. Neither boy was wearing a helmet or other safety equipment. Jacob suffered a catastrophic head injury and died in hospital after spending 8 days in intensive care.

Jacob's mum, Carly, never allowed Jacob to have an e-scooter and had warned him about their dangers. Carly wants to educate parents and young people about the use of e-scooters and to campaign for tighter laws around their use.

## JOIN OUR JOURNEY NOW

To highlight the dangers of illegal e-scooter use, Carly has made a harrowing film telling the story of what happened to Jacob following the accident he was involved in. She has also set up an e-petition calling on the government to urgently change the law. Jacob's story has been reported on in the media, including Carly appearing on ITV and the BBC.

To watch the film and support our campaign, scan the QR code.

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## OUR CAMPAIGN

We believe there need to be urgent changes made to the law around the sale and use of private e-scooters, in order to save lives. We ask that the government:

- Ban the sale and use of e-scooters to/by anyone **under the age of 18** and who does not hold an e-scooter **licence**;
- Introduce an e-scooter **licence scheme**;
- Require e-scooter owners to have **insurance**;
- Make it mandatory to e-scooter users to wear a **helmet and safety equipment**;
- Prohibit e-scooter users from **carrying passengers**;
- Actively **enforce the law** and impose **tougher penalties** on those who break the law, **including parents** who knowingly allow their child to use or own an e-scooter;
- **Raise awareness** amongst the public, particularly parents and children around the dangers of using e-scooters and the laws around them.

