

Offences

Under Section 59 Police Reform Act 2002:

You **must not** ride a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped in a manner which contravenes Road Traffic Act Section 3 (Careless Driving) OR Section 34 (Driving elsewhere than on a road) AND also the manner of use of the vehicle is causing or has been causing or is likely to cause, alarm distress or annoyance to members of the public.

RESULT: SEIZURE OF THE VEHICLE WHERE THE CONSTABLE HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING A WARNING HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS

Under Section 143 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988:

You **must not** ride a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped on a road, public place and/or public path without Road Traffic Act insurance. If you do so, you could be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court.

RESULT: FINE, PENALTY POINTS, DISQUALIFICATION

Under Section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988:

You **must not** ride a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped on a road, public place and/or public path in a careless or inconsiderate manner. If you do so, you could be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court.

RESULT: FINE, PENALTY POINTS, DISQUALIFICATION

Under Section 87 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991:

You **must not** ride a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped on a road, public place and/or public path, without a valid driving licence to drive that class of vehicle. If you do so, you could be prosecuted in the Magistrates Court.

RESULT: FINE, PENALTY POINTS, DISQUALIFICATION

Advice for Parents

Before you buy a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped:

- If you are considering buying a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped for a child, please ensure that whoever is selling it can provide "proof of ownership".
- Remember that the vehicle will require public liability insurance.
- Riding a motorcycle in public areas is an offence.
- Prosecution could lead to a fine, penalty points and disqualification.
- The police could seize the vehicle and you will have to pay for removal and storage.
- You could face unlimited civil claims for damages and injuries.

Try this exercise with your child:

- Perform an internet search for an insurance quote.
- Use the details of your own vehicle.
- Use your child's details but put their age down as 21.
- Obtain quotes for vehicle insurance with no convictions or penalty points: THEN try with three penalty points, six penalty points, nine penalty points and disqualification.
- **MAKE A NOTE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN PRICES!**

For further information contact
Lancashire Constabulary on:

0845 125 3545

Motorbikes, Quads & Go-peds



**Do you: Own Them?
Ride Them?
Suffer Them?**

Then you need to read this!

If you are bothered by off-road motorcycles, quad bikes or go-peds then please help us to help you!

West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership is striving to improve the quality of life for people in this area, but we need your help in order to do so...

You can do this by:

- Letting us know if there is a problem with nuisance or illegal use
- Giving us details of times, days and locations of incidents
- Providing information of where motorcycles are stored.
- Providing us with as much detail as possible. E.g. descriptions of the vehicles involved, descriptions of clothing (worn by riders), descriptions of any associated vehicles
- Identifying the culprits and owners of motorcycles, quad bikes and go-peds
- Making statements
- Completing WLBC incident sheets.

With sufficient information or evidence we can:

- Seize vehicles that are used in an anti-social manner
- Prosecute offenders under the relevant legislation
- Apply for Anti-Social Behaviour Orders against persistent offenders.

See offences overleaf.

Contact numbers:

Lancashire Constabulary: **0845 125 3545**

West Lancashire Borough Council: **01695 577177**

Or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously on:
Freephone 0800 555 111

Riders

Did you know:

- As a rider of a motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped on a road, public place and/or public path, or other open land you could be committing a number of serious offences for which you could face prosecution!
- If prosecuted you could face a fine, penalty points on your drivers licence or disqualification from holding or obtaining a driving licence in the future.
- Penalty points will dramatically increase your insurance premiums.
- If you ride your motorcycle, quad bike or go-ped to the annoyance of members of the public, the police could seize your vehicle.
- If you are a persistent offender, the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership could apply to the Magistrates Court for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order to be imposed against you.

Under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002

If you are riding a motorcycle, quadbike or go-ped in an inconsiderate or careless manner or riding without authority on any:

- **Road** • **Public Place** • **Public Path**
- **Moor Land** • **Common Land**
- **Land not forming part of a road**

AND you are causing alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public then your vehicle could be seized by the police.

YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR REMOVAL AND STORAGE.

Keep Your Vehicle Safe:

- Secure your vehicle with a good quality motorbike lock or chain
- Consider fitting a tracking device
- Keep your vehicle in a locked garage or secure shed.
- Install a garage or shed alarm.

For further information contact Lancashire Constabulary on: 0845 125 3545.

If you have a genuine interest in off road motorcycling and wish to ride legally, then please contact

Amateur Motorcycle Association:
www.amca.uk.com

Auto Cycle Union: www.acu.org.uk

British Motorcycle Federation:
www.bmf.co.uk

The Trail Riders Fellowship:
www.trf.org.uk

Land Access and Recreation Association:
www.laragb.org

They will provide you with details of regional venues for the sport.

