Mini Moto Bikes (and Quad Bikes & Scooters)
What the Law Says

If you are under 16…

The only place you can ride a mini moto and similar vehicles is on private ground and you must have the permission of the owner of the land.

It is against the law to use a mini moto on footpaths, pavements, cycle routes, canal paths, common land, wasteland or in public parks.

If you are over 16…

You can also use your mini moto on private land, but only if you have the landowner’s permission.

If you want to use your bike on the road, it must be:-

- Registered with the DVLA (the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency).
- Taxed and insured.

And you will need to:-

- Have the correct driving licence for the bike.
- Wear an approved protective helmet.
- Make sure your bike has an official number plate, brake lights and indicators and if you are using it at night you need to have lights fitted and which work.

If you break the law….

- Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) can seize your bike if you are riding it illegally or using it in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance to other people.
- You can also be issued with an £80 penalty notice.
- You could be taken to Court and fined or get points put on your driving licence.
- Both you as the rider of the bike and your parents if you are under 16, could be prosecuted for allowing it to be used on the road – parents may even face the loss of their own driving licence for permitting the use of an uninsured vehicle.
So if you are buying a bike…

- Think about the age of the user.
- Think about where it is going to be used.
- Think about basic safety: **ALL OFF-ROAD BIKES should comply with the relevant British Standard BS 7407 1991** (other than those intended for legitimate competition).
- Think about its construction:
  Sharp edges, finger traps, hot surfaces, handlebars and levers, footrests, drive belt(chain), fuel tank strength, external projections, markings, instructions, speed limiting device.

  **MISUSE CAN RESULT IN DEATH**

Want to make a complaint about mini moto bike misuse?

Call West Mercia Police on 08457 444 888.