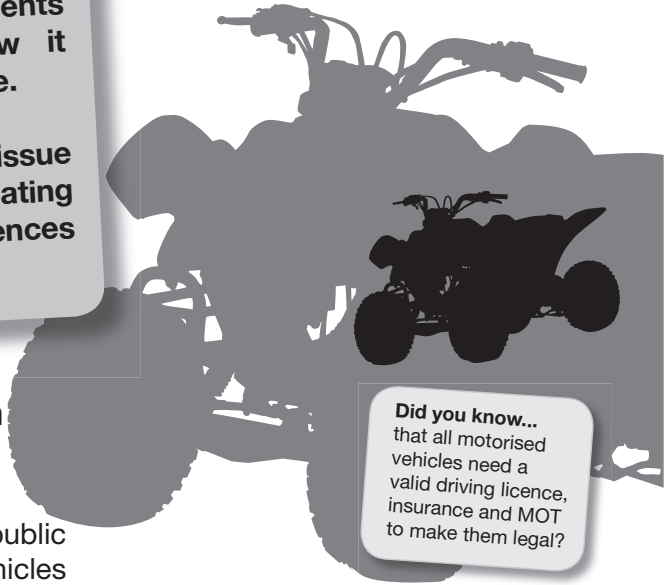


Off-roading - the facts

Gwent Police receives numerous complaints from local residents about off-roading and how it impacts on their quality of life.

We are working to tackle this issue by enforcing the law and educating people about the consequences of illegal off-roading.



Did you know...
that all motorised vehicles need a valid driving licence, insurance and MOT to make them legal?

Off-roading causes alarm and distress to residents and visitors ...

Riders and members of the public could be injured by off-road vehicles riding across public footpaths, playing fields or common land.

It also damages the countryside and wildlife...

Off-road riding causes ruts in the land, making it hazardous for walkers and destroying wildlife habitats. It also disturbs sheep from their natural grazing areas. Walkers and other users of common land have also previously been harassed by illegal off-roaders.

There aren't many places where you can ride your off-road vehicle legally...

Riders are breaking the law if:

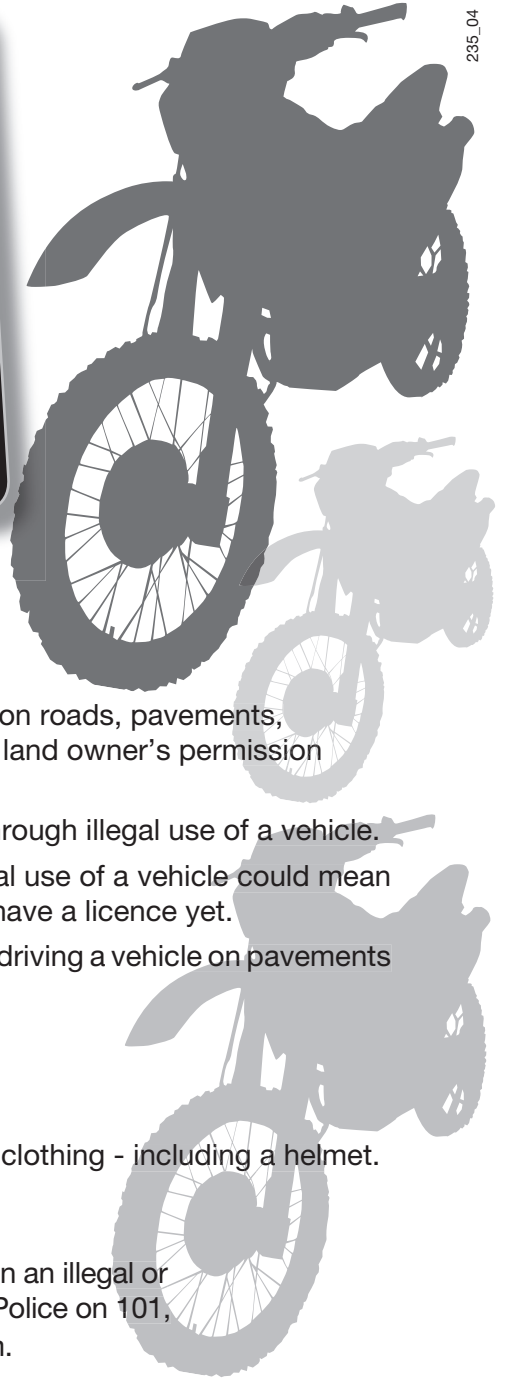
- They drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road or other public place without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for others.
- They have been driving or riding on common land, moorland, land which is part of a road, a footpath, bridleway or byway contrary to Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act.
- They have been driving or riding in a manner that has been causing or is likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public.

What are the consequences?

Riders could receive a Section 59 notice. This is a warning telling the rider that if they are caught again within a 12 month period, their vehicle will be seized and the owner will need to pay for its recovery and a daily charge for storage. After seven days, the vehicle could be destroyed.

They could also be arrested and taken to court, and could risk losing their driving licence.

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Dos and don'ts for off-roaders...

Don't...

- Break the law by driving your vehicle on roads, pavements, beaches, in parks or land without the land owner's permission (even common land).
- Cause alarm and distress to others through illegal use of a vehicle.
- Risk losing your driving licence. Illegal use of a vehicle could mean a ban from driving, even if you don't have a licence yet.
- Cause injury to yourself and others by driving a vehicle on pavements and roads in your neighbourhood.

Do...

- Drive your vehicle on a legal site.
- Drive safely. You should wear safety clothing - including a helmet.

Who is taking part?

If you know who is using off-road vehicles in an illegal or anti-social manner, please contact Gwent Police on 101, or your local Neighbourhood Policing Team.

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