



OFF ROAD BIKES NUISANCE AND THE LAW

We understand that off road bike nuisance is a long standing issue across the Walsall borough, with our communities suffering noise nuisance, intimidation and abusive riding.

WHAT'S ILLEGAL?

Most 'off road' bikes that cause a nuisance are usually found on public footpaths, parks, fields or privately owned land.

RIDING ON PUBLIC PLACES AND FOOTPATHS

Riding a motorcycle on council owned land is an offence. It is also an offence to drive a mechanically powered vehicle on a footpath, bridleway or restricted bridleway.

The law states that footpaths alongside the road form part of the road. To legally ride a motorcycle on the highway a rider must comply with DVLA regulations. Information can be found at this website dft.gov.uk.

PRIVATE LAND

Riding a motorcycle on private land, without the landowner's permission is an offence of 'riding on land other than a road' and landowners are entitled to sue people who break these laws.

Even if a rider has permission to use a piece of land, this doesn't mean they are exempt from the law.

REPORT IT

Communities are our best hope for tackling nuisance off road bikes.

YOU CAN DO THIS BY:

- Letting us know there is a problem in your area
- Give us details of times, days, and location of where it happens
- Provide information of where motorcycles are stored – address/garage
- Provide us with as much detail as possible:
 - Description of motorcycle, colour, size
 - Description of clothing, helmet, jackets
 - Description of any vehicles transporting motorcycles, such as registration number, colour, make, model
 - Description of rider, long hair, build, gender, distinguishing marks

THIS INFORMATION HELPS US TO

- Seize vehicles that are used in an anti-social manner
- Prosecute offenders under the relevant legislation

KEEP REPORTING

Even if you don't think anything is happening – IT IS. We are working hard behind the scenes and your information helps.

CONTACT US

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE

Call 101 or report online at www.west-midlands.police.uk or use Live Chat online

CRIME STOPPERS

Call anonymously on FREEPHONE 0800 555 111 or online at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

COUNCIL COMMUNITY PROTECTION TEAM

communityprotection@walsall.gov.uk or telephone 01922 653060