

SEGWAY SAGA

Many people in the U.K are being warned that they are “breaking the law” because they are riding a Segway on pavements.

It is official that the MET Police has confirmed that the “self-balancing scooter” cannot be ridden on roads, pavements or public areas, just on private property.

If you are seen and caught, what happens?

If you do get caught you will be fined up to £75 plus any damage you might have done while riding. If not you will have a warning.

So where can you ride this ‘toy’?

If you do own a Segway you can only ride it on private property or private land as long as you have permission . You can’t ride it in parks, public areas, on the road, pavements or the beach. A pupil at Bryn Hafren who owns a Segway stated, ‘It is not fair that countries like America are allowed to use them and we are not.’



Why do we have a law against Segway's?

It is therefore an offence under section 72 of the Highway Act 1835 to ride them on the pavement in England and Wales. That's because they do not meet the legal requirement to be safely used among other traffic. Also it is to keep damage from being done and keeping the public safe on the pavements.

Is it like this in all countries?

Not it's not, for example in countries like France, Germany, Ireland and Italy, Segways can be used on pavements and in public areas so you could even take it on holiday. It's highly unlikely though given its size and weight!

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