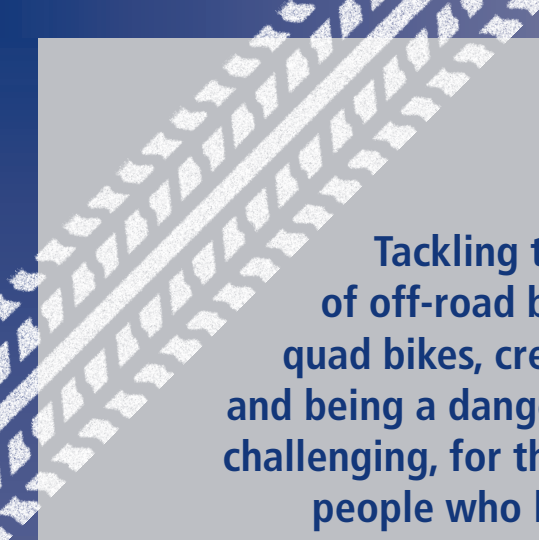





**OFF-ROAD
BIKES
IN YOUR
COMMUNITY**



Tackling the problem of off-road bikes, including quad bikes, creating a nuisance and being a danger in communities is challenging, for the police and for the people who live in the area.

A quick guide to the laws around what's legal and what's not when it comes to off-road bikes can be found on the Department for Transport website at www.dft.gov.uk 

However, you can help us tackle the issue by monitoring the situation before contacting us. The guide below provides some steps that we encourage you to take before calling for police assistance.

REMEMBER:

If it is an emergency and lives are at risk please contact the police immediately on 999.



STEP 1

MAKE A NOTE

Use the record sheet to keep note of what's happening and when.

Keeping a record helps you get a clearer picture of what's going on, and puts all of the information in one place should you need assistance.

DON'T FORGET:

Photographs or video can help support work to tackle the problem, but make sure you are not putting yourself at any risk by taking one.

STEP 2

THE MORE THE BETTER

The more information you have, the better.

You're probably not the only person who's noticed a problem or, if you are, others can certainly help keep an eye out for you.

Get in touch with your Neighbourhood Watch and speak to other neighbours about any information they have.

STEP 3

SPEAK TO RELEVANT AUTHORITIES

If the problem keeps happening or if there are aggravating factors e.g. if the bikes are being driven on public roads, if they are causing a direct danger to members of the public or if the driver isn't wearing a helmet, you can ask for support.

Where there is not an immediate threat to life, your local authority or housing provider might be able to help. All of these organisations work together with the police to tackle the issue, but they need information from people who are experiencing the problem.

They can help with antisocial behaviour associated with off-road bikes and will work with local policing teams to tackle the issue.

Find out how to contact your local council or housing provider at www.gmp.police.uk



STEP 4

CALLING THE POLICE

If the problem continues after you've exhausted all of the options you should get in touch with your local neighbourhood policing team.

We have powers to seize off-road bikes if they are being used illegally, taking them off the streets for good.

Under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act a bike that is repeatedly being used to break the law can be seized.

Details of who they are can be found here on the GMP website at www.gmp.police.uk



OFF-ROAD BIKE RECORD SHEET

Print this sheet off and keep it to hand for when you notice issues with off-road bikes

When?
(Date and Time)

Where?
(Be as exact as possible)

What's happening? (what's the bike doing, why is it causing a nuisance, are there any aggravating factors)

What does the bike look like? (Colour and any markings)

What does the rider look like?
(Hair colour, height, age, description of clothing)

Where were they headed?

Anything else you need to remember?

DON'T FORGET:

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DROPBOX



THE LAW

RIDING A MOTORBIKE ON A PUBLIC HIGHWAY

THE RIDER

- Must be over 16
- Must wear an approved crash helmet
- Must hold a valid driving licence
- Must have appropriate motor vehicle insurance

THE VEHICLE

- Must be built for road use
- Must be registered
- Must comply with MOT regulations
- Must be taxed

THE LAW

RIDING A BIKE OFF-ROAD

THE RIDER

- **Must have permission from the person who owns the land (council or private)**
- **Must not use the off-road bike on a public highway to get to the private land**
- **Must not cause alarm, harrassment or distress to local residents and the wider community**