

Rail Industry electric bicycle (e-bike) Guidelines

Taking an e-bike on the train

Road legal electric bicycles (also known as e-bikes, including e-folding bikes) can be taken on the train. These are electric bikes that are pedal-assisted with a motor that generates a maximum continuous rated power output of 250 watts and do not provide electrical assistance when travelling at more than 15.5 mph.

Please check the general cycle restrictions for your local operator, which also cover folding e-bikes. (e.g. use in peak / off peak periods and any other limitations)

For the safety of yourself and other passengers:

- Charging of e-bikes is not permitted on the train
- The e-bike battery must not be removed from the e-bike (unless designed to do so for folding purposes – e.g. a Brompton folding bike)
- An e-bike with a damaged battery cannot be carried.
- Spare e-bike batteries cannot be carried.
- Electrically modified or adapted e-bikes are not permitted on trains.
- You must use the normal designated cycle storage areas on trains- ensuring the bike does not block entrances, exits or aisleway access for passengers
- Do not lock your e-bike to any part of the train, in case of the need to remove the bike quickly from the train in an emergency
- In the event of an e-bike battery fire, evacuate the area, then follow the relevant on-board procedure to notify the driver or train crew (see nearby posters or signage for an emergency)

Use of e-bikes at stations

- e-bikes should be stored at designated and signed storage areas only.
- e-bikes must only be charged at designated and signed charging facilities
- e-bikes must comply with normal bike policy and rules for that station (e.g. no riding on the platforms)

Government information on the safe purchase and use of e-bikes can be found via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/buy-safe-be-safe-avoid-e-bike-and-e-scooter-fires>

e-scooters remain banned from the national rail network and London underground, as the majority of e-scooters remain non road legal and for use on private land only (unless in approved rental trial areas).

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