

Irish Independent

E-scooters campaign

Between July 2025-July 2026:

- 65 articles linking e-scooters to crime and illegal activity
- 37 articles on the political response and legislative gaps
 - 24 articles on the health and human impact
 - 11 Comment pieces and Editorials
 - Video/Podcast



Lifestyle

▼ **The e-scooter boom: Fast, convenient and everywhere – but are they more trouble than they're worth?**

13 Feb 2026



Opinion

▼ **Tanya Sweeney: The e-scooter problem in our local park is a microcosm of the much bigger issue we have in Ireland**

8 Jul 2026



Technology

▼ **Adrian Weckler: If the choice was the status quo or a ban on e-scooters, I'd choose a ban**

11 Jul 2026



Editorial

▼ **The Irish Independent's View: Banning e-scooters not the only option for public safety**

16 Jul 2026



Comment

▼ **John Masterson: Is my e-scooter safe? That depends on me and other road users, not the machine**

12 Jul 2026



Comment

▼ **Alan Caulfield: We have repeatedly warned about high-powered e-scooters – the time to act is now**

18 Jul 2026



Opinion

▼ **Brendan O'Connor: From Enoch Burke to e-scooters... what the State will be apologising for in 2050**

1 Mar 2026



Opinion

▼ **Mary McCarthy: In Brussels, e-scooters are a normal part of life – it would be a mistake to ban them in Ireland**

10 Jul 2026

Leading the debate

The Irish Independent did not simply report events. It framed and informed the national debate with editorials, expert opinion, technical analysis and commentary. As the sample headlines (left) show the aim was balanced journalism that combined scrutiny, expertise and constructive solutions.

Investigating the flaws in public policy

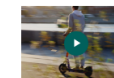
The campaign repeatedly highlighted gaps in Irish legislation and enforcement, including: Illegal high-powered scooters being sold openly, retailers marketing scooters to children, insurance loopholes and garda concerns over enforcement powers.



Irish News

WATCH: Many sales reps found to be openly selling E-Scooters that can reach 80kmph

10 Nov 2025



Irish News

Smyths Toys pulls e-scooters marketed at children from its stores as Government plans clampdown

23 Jul 2026



Politics

Amazon Ireland and other major retailers pull e-scooters capable of breaking Irish speed limits

19 Jul 2026



Health

'We're now at a tipping point' - Government to meet next week on e-scooter safety amid surge in ICU admissions for injured children

16 Jul 2026



Wexford

Wexford gardaí seize e-scooters from children as young as 11 years old — 'It's an accident waiting to happen'

13 Jul 2026



Dublin

No prosecutions for illegal e-scooter modifications in the last year

7 Jul 2025



Irish News

Insurers refuse to cover e-scooters as Government considers crackdown amid rise in serious accidents

13 Jul 2026



Waterford

Spate of e-scooter crashes prompts call for Waterford council to create new regulations

21 Jan 2026



Tipperary

Call for mandatory high-vis jackets for e-scooter riders after 'near-misses' on Tipperary roads

16 Jan 2026



Kerry

▼ **Kerry mother calls for ban on e-scooters after her son (6) suffers fractured skull in collision**

22 Jul 2026



Galway

▼ **Tributes pour in for victim of fatal Galway e-scooter incident – ‘The opportunity to know you was a true gift’**

14 Jul 2026



Irish News

▼ **Revealed: The shocking increase in serious and fatal accidents on e-scooters**

25 Dec 2025



Irish News

▼ **‘Worrying’ rise in brain injuries linked to e-scooter use among children as parents urged not to buy them for under-16s**

13 Nov 2025



Irish News

▼ **‘A missed opportunity to get illegal e-scooters off our streets’ – father of Grace Lynch says new rules don’t go far enough**

21 Jul 2026



Irish News

▼ **Almost half of people taken to hospital after e-scooter crashes end up in ICU, report finds**

15 Jan 2026



Video

▼ **Accidents and drugs: E-scooters driving hospital referrals and Garda seizures**

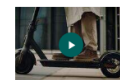
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The human cost behind the statistics

The campaign gave a voice to victims, families and frontline healthcare professionals.

Reporting

The Irish Independent mounted a sustained, multi-platform journalism campaign examining the rapid growth of e-scooter use in Ireland and its consequences for public safety, regulation and communities. Consistent journalism helped move the issue from a niche transport story to a national public policy concern.



Irish News

▼ **More than a third of people injured in e-scooter crashes in Ireland have drugs or drink in their systems, study finds**

11 Aug 2025



Irish News

▼ **Crackdown on e-scooters promised amid child ICU crisis**

4 Jul 2026



LATEST Irish News

▼ **Man who died in tragic e-scooter crash on Christmas Day named locally**

26 Dec 2025



Irish News

▼ **'You can't blame the whole population' – e-scooter commuters say outright ban would be 'overkill'**

20 Jul 2026



Irish News

E-scooters being used to 'terrorise local communities', says garda chief as he backs outright ban

15 Jul 2026



Politics

▼ **Garda plans for e-scooter and scrambler crackdown 'delayed by EU presidency'**

15 Jul 2026



Dundalk News

Dáil told how Gardaí stopped eight year-old on e-scooter in Dundalk

8 Apr 2026



Kildare

▼ **Calls for Government to introduce a scheme for families to surrender e-scooters and replace them with pedal bikes**

17 Jul 2026



Kildare

■ **Kildare gardaí arrest man carrying crack cocaine and cannabis while on illegally operated e-scooter**

20 Apr 2026



Gorey News

■ **Wexford gardaí arrest e-scooter driver who had €3,000 worth of drugs in his possession**

27 Apr 2026



Courts

■ **Student (20) spared criminal record after being caught dealing cannabis and fleeing on scooter**

9 May 2026



Courts

■ **Crack dealer on e-scooter 'caught red-handed'**

19 May 2026



Dundalk News

■ **Louth gardaí issue warning after 8-year-old stopped on e-scooter doing 30kmh**

25 Feb 2026



Courts

■ **Scooter teen jailed for taunts of 'dirty f***ing rats, you won't catch me' to gardaí**

10 Jul 2025



Crime

■ **Armed gangs on e-scooters terrorising commuters into handing over their vehicles**

28 Jul 2025



Mayo

■ **E-Scooter rider arrested in Mayo after driving over speed limit while under the influence**

23 Mar 2026



Courts

■ **Drug-dealing student tried to flee from gardaí on e-scooter, court hears**

9 Feb 2026

Exposing criminality and misuse

The Irish Independent was first to comprehensively document how e-scooters were increasingly linked to criminal activity. Coverage included stories from different regions that highlighted incidents of drug dealing, burglaries, dangerous modified scooters, evasion of gardaí and anti-social behaviour.