



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Business Information

Do you supply second-hand pedal bicycles?

Any second-hand pedal bicycles supplied in the course of business must be safe and comply with the requirements of the General Product (Safety) Regulations 2005.

New pedal bicycles are covered by their own safety regulations.

What does second-hand mean?

Second-hand pedal bicycles are ones that have been supplied before to an end-user. This includes hired and leased equipment.

How can I tell if they are safe?

Check that the pedal bicycle complies with the current British Standard BS: 6102.

It is not practicable to detail all the requirements here, but the main provisions to check include:

Brakes

- There must be a braking system for each wheel.
- Hand operated brakes must be fixed so the right hand brake lever operates the front brake and the left hand brake lever operates on the rear wheel.
- Brakes must operate efficiently without binding.

Handlebars and steering

- The handlebars should not move when the front wheel is held firmly and force is applied.
- The end of the handlebars must be fitted with handgrips or end plugs.
- The steering should be free to rotate through 60° either side of the straight-ahead position.

Wheels and Tyres

- The wheels must rotate freely and true and have spokes intact.
- Tyres must be in good condition.

Reflectors

Reflectors must be fitted as follows:

- ◆ A red reflector on the rear of the pedal bicycle.

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Reflectors (continued)...

- ◆ Two side reflectors, which must be of the same colour – either white or yellow, one to be fitted on the front half and one on the rear half of the pedal bicycle. At least one should be on the spokes of a wheel. If there is no front light there must be a front reflector that should be white.
- ◆ Each pedal must have yellow reflectors on the front and rear of it.

Miscellaneous

- The saddle must not twist when the fixing mechanism is fully tightened.
- There must be a chainguard that covers the chain for at least 25mm from its point of intersection with the chainwheel.
- Edges, which can come into contact with the rider during normal riding and maintenance, must not be sharp.

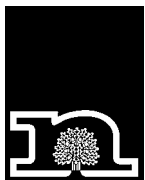
It is advisable to seek technical advice if you are unsure about the safety of the product.

Keeping within the law

If you supply second-hand pedal bicycles that are unsafe and you have not taken reasonable precautions to avoid this, you may be prosecuted.

You could be fined up to £5000 and/or imprisoned for up to six months. Taking reasonable precautions means you must take positive steps to ensure that you comply with the law.

This leaflet is a brief summary of the law regarding the supply of second-hand pedal bicycles. It is not an authoritative document on the law and is intended for guidance. For further advice please contact the Trading Standards Service.



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