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The provisions of the Road Safety Act, 1986, relating to drink driving refer to the drivers or riders of motor vehicles. A bicycle in its true sense does not fall into the category of a motor vehicle. Some of the power assisted bicycles can and do fall into this category, but not the standard pedal powered model.

Therefore the provisions relating to Preliminary Breath Tests and 0.00% or 0.05% do not apply to the riders of bicycles.

There is still an offence in the Summary Offences Act, 1966, of being drunk in charge of a carriage, and the definition of carriage can be extended to include bicycle.

This office actively discourages people from riding a bicycle, or any vehicle, while affected by alcohol to any extent. Bicycle riders are more likely to be injured in a collision than almost any other road user. Alcohol greatly increases their chances of being involved in an accident.

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