



Road Traffic Act 1988

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PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Use of motor vehicles away from roads

33 Control of use of footpaths and bridleways for motor vehicle trials

- (1) A person must not promote or take part in a trial of any description between motor vehicles on a footpath or bridleway unless the holding of the trial has been authorised under this section by the local authority.
- (2) A local authority shall not give an authorisation under this section unless satisfied that consent in writing to the use of any length of footpath or bridleway for the purposes of the trial has been given by the owner and by the occupier of the land over which that length of footpath or bridleway runs, and any such authorisation may be given subject to compliance with such conditions as the authority think fit.
- (3) A person who—
 - (a) contravenes subsection (1) above, or
 - (b) fails to comply with any conditions subject to which an authorisation under this section has been granted,is guilty of an offence.
- (4) The holding of a trial authorised under this section is not affected by any statutory provision prohibiting or restricting the use of footpaths or bridleways or a specified footpath or bridleway; but this section does not prejudice any right or remedy of a person as having any interest in land.
- (5) In this section “local authority”—
 - (a) in relation to England and Wales, means the council of a county, metropolitan district or London borough, and
 - (b) in relation to Scotland, means a regional or islands council.