

E-Scooter and E-Bikes road safety information

General information to support schools.

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E-Scooters and E-Bikes General Information

It is important to know there are rules around this type of transport, as each state is different and the rules are ***evolving***.

Understanding these laws avoids fines but also promotes healthy and safe riding practices for both riders and pedestrians.

Stay up to date with the most accurate information:

[E-scooter rules - Transport Victoria](#)

[Electric powered scooters \(e-scooters\) | Road safety | Victoria Police](#)

General Rules

GENERAL RULES

E-scooters that comply with specifications outlined in the Victorian road rules [E-scooters in Victoria : VicRoads](#) are now legal to use across Victoria.

All riders must follow the rules to keep everyone safe, **including always** wearing a helmet and never riding on footpaths or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Failure to do so could result in hefty fines, so always ensure you are familiar with the rules.

It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on public land if it doesn't meet Victorian device requirements.

A **legal e-scooter** is a device which;

Maximum speed of **20 km/h** when ridden on level ground

Transports **one** person only (standing or seated)

Has 2 wheels (one in front of the other)

Has a footboard between the front and rear wheels

Legal handlebar to steer

Does not weigh more than 45kg.



Primary Primary School Students are allowed to ride **non-powered** scooters to school.

E Scooters are not permitted for students under 16 years of age.

Always wear a helmet and ensure it is fastened.
Keep your scooter maintained.

Non-powered scooter riders are allowed on footpaths and shared-use paths

Use your bell to warn pedestrians you are approaching if on the same path as pedestrians

Always stay left on the path unless overtaking.
School Students

Secondary School Students:

OFFICIAL

E-scooter riders must:

Wear a helmet at all times

Ride at no more than **20 km/hr**

Ride on shared-use paths (not footpaths), bicycle paths
roads with a speed limit of up to 60 km/h

Do not carry a passenger (dink)

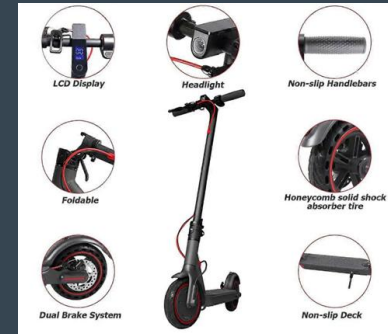
Use flashing or steady front and rear lights if riding at night or
in low light.

Park responsibly in a location that does not disrupt pedestrians
or pose a safety hazard.

Keep to approved and legal areas if using a hired e-scooter.



Learn More: [TAC E-scooters Footpaths 15sec](#)



Penalties that riders and families should know.

Penalties

The rules for e-scooter use are published in the [Road Safety Road Rules 2017](#).

Some penalties for breaking the rules are listed below. You can get more than one fine if you're breaking multiple rules. (Penalty values are current as of 4/10/25).

Offence	Penalty amount
Ride a non-compliant e-scooter (i.e. one capable of travelling faster than 25km/h, which is considered an unregistered motor vehicle)	\$988
Failing to wear helmet	\$395
Ride e-scooter on a footpath	\$296
Ride e-scooter if under 16 years of age	\$296
Riding with a passenger	\$247
Riding as a passenger	\$247, increasing to \$642 if not wearing a helmet.
Ride e-scooter on a road with a speed-limit greater than 60 km/h	\$198
Exceed speed limit on e-scooter (20 km/h max)	\$346

Electric bikes (e-bikes)

E-bike riders must follow the same road rules that apply to regular bicycles. That means always wearing a helmet, not using a mobile phone while riding, and using lights in low light.

E-bikes that can't be ridden on public roads:

You **can't ride** an e-bike with the following characteristics on public roads and road-related areas:

- * e-bikes with toggle switches, which allow the bike to override the legal power and wattage limits outlined above an EPAC (battery) which continues to provide motorised power above 25km/h
- * any bicycle with a combined maximum continuous rated power output greater than 250 watts
- * a device with no functional pedals
- * a bicycle fitted with an internal combustion engine (e.g: petrol-powered).

These e-bikes can only be ridden on private property. They're considered an unregistered motor vehicle, and there are significant fines if you're caught riding one in public areas.



Helmet Safety

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Watch: [TAC E-scooters No Helmet 15sec](#)

Injury Info

Data shows the most common e-scooter-related injuries requiring hospitalisation include limb, head and facial injuries – and the risk of severe injury is even greater when the rider is breaking the road rules, including not wearing a helmet.

Broken bones are the most common injury, followed by dislocations, sprains and strains.

Why do we wear a helmet?

“Wearing a properly fitted helmet is one of the easiest and most effective things children and young people can do to protect themselves from serious harm.”

Riders who do not wear a helmet are **78 %** more likely to suffer a head injury compared to those wearing a helmet during a road accident.

They are also **43%** more likely to have an injury classified as severe or critical.





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