

Electric Scooter Safety and Riding Tips

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Ready to ride an electric scooter? Perhaps you've already tried it and are ready to buy one. Or maybe you've never ridden one but have received an electric scooter as a gift and must now learn how. In either case, you need to learn how to operate an electric scooter safely and responsibly. You don't want to take your scooter out until you know what to do in most major scenarios that could spell trouble.

When you buy your scooter, look over the accompanying booklet or package directions that tell you how to operate it. You may be able to find helpful information on battery maintenance, air pressure for the tires, and other useful details. If not, visit the manufacturer's website to see what type of guidelines are offered there for new scooter owners. You also can check at the store where you purchased the scooter to see if there are brochures or verbal suggestions that can help you get used to your new motorized equipment.

Always ride your scooter solo. Don't try to take along a passenger, since the scooter isn't made to carry more than one person at a time. Doing tricks like dragging an attached skateboarder or someone in a wagon isn't a good idea, since the motor isn't strong enough to handle this type of load and will most likely soon give out. Don't try forcing a second or third person on the scooter for fun or tricks, as this will cause the driver to lose control and probably lead to an accident.

Follow prevailing scooter laws. If you don't know what these are, get in touch with the Highway Patrol or Department of Transportation for information. The driver's license bureau or local Automobile Association also are good sources for road laws and driving guidelines. You also might want to browse electric scooter chat rooms or discussion boards on the Internet to learn more about motorized scooter driving in general, along with scooter care and driver safety.

Use any pertinent driver safety equipment, like a helmet, for example, when you drive on public roads. Use the part of the road or sidewalk that you're supposed to, and stay off the areas that are prohibited for scooter use. Avoid congested traffic areas if possible to prevent traffic snarls or increased risk. Don't try to do show-off tricks like riding without hands to impress others. Make sure your scooter is in road condition when you take it out in public.

Electric scooters are just smaller versions of cars, in many ways, so it's a good idea to become familiar with all the electric workings that make it run, since any of these could go wrong at any time. Keep the owner's manual with you when using the scooter, along with personal identification information, and an insurance card, if pertinent. Treat your scooter with the care and respect it deserves to make sure you reach each destination safely.

Keep your electric scooter in top condition when you learn how by visiting [Electric Scooter Life](#)