

E-scooter rules and regulations in WA

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The Department of Transport would like to remind the community of the current rules and regulations around the use of electric scooters (e-scooters).

Unlike e-bikes, many e-scooters and e-skateboards available for purchase are illegal to use on public roads and paths in WA. Given the speed at which they can travel and the power of their motors, they can only be used on private property, with riders strongly urged to wear a helmet.

E-scooters which are compliant with current WA road traffic regulations can be legally ridden on paths and low speed public roads. Compliant e-scooters have a maximum power output of no more than 200 watts and they cannot travel more than 10 km/h on level ground.

Riders of e-scooters that are compliant with the relevant power output and speed regulations must also adhere to the following rules under the Road Traffic Code 2000:

- **Riders must wear a helmet;**
- Riders are permitted on footpaths and shared paths, so long as the rider keeps left and gives way to pedestrians;
- Riders cannot ride on roads with a speed limit exceeding 50 km/h;
- Riders cannot ride on roads with a dividing line or median strip;
- Riders cannot ride on one-way roads with more than one marked lane; and
- Riders cannot ride during the hours of darkness.

Mobility devices, including e-scooters and e-skateboards, continue to grow in popularity as people look for more innovative, efficient and sustainable ways to stay connected in cities and communities around the world.

In line with this community demand, as well as the potential of these devices to reduce car dependence and improve access to public transport, the National Transport Commission has been working with the States and Territories, to develop a regulatory framework which will allow for the safe and legal use of personal mobility devices in Australia.

Last month, the National Transport Commission's recommendations regarding national regulations for these devices were agreed to by the majority of States and Territories, including WA. The Department of Transport will continue working with stakeholders, including the Road Safety Commission, to determine how best to modify State legislation to accommodate these recommendations.

Christmas is traditionally a time when new bikes, scooters and skateboards are gifted and the Department of Transport would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and riders that it is important to **always wear a helmet**, take care and ride safely.

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