



E-Scooter Safety

Breaking down the basics of
electric scooters in Ontario.



E-Scooter Requirements

E-scooters must have:

- two wheels (one on the front, one on the back)
- brakes
- a platform for standing
- a handlebar for steering
- a horn or bell
- at least one white light on front, one red light on rear and reflective material on sides
- maximum 500W electric motor and maximum speed of 24 km/h

E-scooters must not have:

- pedals
- a seat
- a basket
- any motor modifications

Consequences

- Similar to bicycles, all *Highway Traffic Act* rules of the road apply when riding e-scooters.
- Violations can result in fines and penalties.
- Impaired operation is illegal.

Rider Requirements

You must:

- be at least 16 years old
- always stand while riding
- wear a bicycle helmet if under 18 years old

You are not permitted to:

- carry passengers
- carry cargo
- park in areas designated for vehicles or pedestrians
- operate an e-scooter on controlled access highways

Reminders

- E-scooters cannot be used on municipal roads without a bylaw. Check your local municipality to see if and where you can ride.
- Use bicycle lanes (where available).
- Yield to cyclists and pedestrians.

More Information

[Ontario.ca/Escooters](https://ontario.ca/Escooters)