



Understanding the Law:

Mobility Scooters, Motorised Wheelchairs, E-Scooters, Foot Scooters, Rollerblades, Unicycles and Skateboards

Q: Do the NSW road rules apply to Mobility Scooters and Motorised Wheelchairs?

A: Yes, people with a disability who cannot walk or find it difficult to walk may use mobility scooters or motorised wheelchairs. Users are considered pedestrians under the *NSW Road Rules 2014*.

When using a mobility scooter or motorised wheelchair on a shared path, footpath or nature strip you must adhere to the following Transport for NSW rules:

- never exceed 10km/h
- make sure your mobility scooter meets the requirements of *NSW Road Rules 2014*
- have a reasonable need to use a mobility scooter because of physical disability or limited mobility
- obey all pedestrian road rules
- not cause a traffic hazard by moving into the path of a driver
- not unreasonably obstruct the path of another driver or pedestrian
- not be affected by alcohol or drugs when travelling on a road or road-related area such as a footpath.

Vehicle drivers should look out for mobility scooters or motorised wheelchairs. Take particular care when entering or leaving a driveway, as they can be difficult to see and move faster than other pedestrians.

Q: Do the NSW road rules apply to Skateboard, Foot Scooters and Rollerblades?

A: Yes, when using rollerblades, a skateboard, scooter, unicycle or similar wheeled recreational device you are considered a pedestrian under the *NSW Road Rules 2014*.

You must adhere to the following Transport for NSW safety rules:

- You can only use foot scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades on the road in daylight.
- You can't use foot scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades on roads with a dividing line, median strip or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane.

Q: Can I ride on a footpath?

A: Yes.

You must adhere to the following Transport for NSW safety rules:

- You can ride foot scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades on footpaths unless there are signs that prohibit their use. You must keep to the left and give way to other pedestrians on foot.
- On separated bicycle and pedestrian paths, foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders must use the bicycle path. However, you must keep out of the path of bicycles.

The Lismore CBD block (area bounded by Woodlark, Keen, Magellan & Molesworth Streets) is managed as a 'NO SKATEBOARD, FOOT SCOOTER & ROLLERBLADE ZONE'. All users must walk their devices through the signposted areas.

Q: Can I ride an E-Scooter?

A: No, personal e-scooters remain illegal on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes. You can only use these on private property.

From July 2022, electric scooter shared schemes are being trialled in NSW. Riders in trial locations can hire and ride electric scooters (e-scooters). Transport for NSW will evaluate and monitor the trial, which is planned to last for 12 months.



Q: Who enforces the road rules?

A: NSW Police.

NSW Police can issue penalty notices for breaking road rules, which includes the statutory rules outlined in the *NSW Road Rules 2014*. This includes issuing infringement notices for specific violations such as riding skateboards, foot scooters and rollerblades in signed prohibited areas.

For more information about wheeled devices visit
www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/roads-safety-and-rules
or contact Council on 6625 0500.

To report an incident call Lismore Police on 6626 0599.