



# CPSC Safety Alert



## Electric-Powered Scooters

E-scooters are a fun and efficient way to travel, but they can be dangerous. Unsafe riding and collisions can cause serious injury or death.

**CPSC recommends the following safety tips when riding an e-scooter:**

**WEAR A HELMET.** Knee and elbow pads can also help to prevent injury from falls and collisions.

**CHECK FOR DAMAGE.** Before riding, ensure the handlebars, brakes, throttle, bell, lights, tires, cables, and frame are in good condition. Damage to the e-scooter can cause you to lose control and crash.

**TEST THE BRAKES.** Make sure you know how to use the brakes and how long it takes to stop the e-scooter so you're prepared for an emergency stop. Stopping distance can vary significantly from scooter to scooter.

**ALERT OTHERS AND BE SEEN.** E-scooters are small, quick, and silent, making it difficult for others to spot you, especially in parking lots and structures.

- Expect vehicles and pedestrians to not see you; slow down, and plan ahead of time.
- Use the bell/horn to alert others.
- Do not make abrupt, unpredictable movements.

**WATCH OUT FOR OBSTACLES.** Uneven surfaces, cracks, and small objects on your pathway can stop the e-scooter suddenly, throwing you off.

**HANDS ON.** Always keep both hands on the handlebars and keep items off the handlebars.

**SLOW AND STEADY.** Slow down and lean back when you have to ride over bumps.

**ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.** Never ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**RIDE SOLO.** Only one person per e-scooter; additional riders can increase the risk and severity of collisions.

**AVOID DISTRACTIONS WHILE RIDING.** Listening to music while riding is distracting and prevents you from hearing your environment. Same goes for talking on your phone, even with a hands-free device, because it can result in distracted operation of the scooter

**NO STUNTS.** Jumps and bumps can damage the e-scooter and make it unstable. This can pose a risk not only to yourself but also to people around you and to the next rider.

**FOLLOW ALL MANUFACTURER DIRECTIONS.** Check the e-scooter's safety information, such as weight and age limits. Many e-scooters are designed specifically for adults because of the size and speed of the scooter.

**PARK CORRECTLY.** The e-scooter should be parked upright and away from pedestrian and motorist traffic so that it's not a tripping hazard.

**REPORT PROBLEMS.** Use the service's app to report any issues, such as signs of damage. You could end up saving the next rider's life. Report any incidents with e-scooters to CPSC at [Saferproducts.gov](https://www.saferproducts.gov).

**RIDE RESPONSIBLY FOR YOU AND OTHERS.** Remember, many accidents can be prevented by simply slowing down! Always be aware of your surroundings and be prepared to stop. [Click here](#) to watch CPSC's e-scooter PSA.