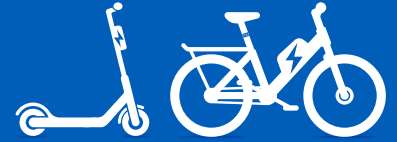


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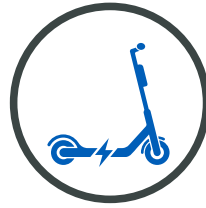


Does your child ride one of these?



E-bikes

Pedal bikes that have a small electric motor attached, to give your pedalling a boost.



E-scooters, e-skateboards, e-unicycles

Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs)

This fact sheet summarises rules for buying a legal e-bike or e-scooter, and the new age and licence requirements and exemptions to ride these devices. To see all of the new rules, including speed limits, passengers and road rules, and more details on the exemptions, visit **StreetSmarts**.



Buying an e-device

E-bikes



Motors matter

Motor should only power up to 250 watts and 25km/h.



E-bike compliance label

New e-bikes must come with a label that says 'EN 15194'

E-scooters and PMDs



Watch your speed

E-scooters and PMDs mustn't throttle faster than 25km/h.



Size

E-scooters and PMDs can't be more than 1100mm long between the wheels, 1350mm tall and 750mm wide.

Retailers can't sell to under 16s

Age
16+

By law, a person can't sell any e-bike, e-scooter or other PMD to your child if they are under 16.

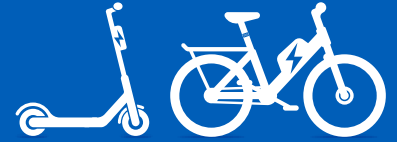


Police can seize illegal devices

If a child rides an illegal e-device in public, police can seize and impound the device, even if it is left unattended.

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As of 31 August 2026, you must be 16 and hold a valid driver licence (minimum Learner) to ride an e-mobility device in Queensland. This ensures riders understand basic road rules and can safely interact with other road users.

Children under 12



Under 12s can't ride in public

Children under 12 are not allowed to ride e-devices on roads or paths.



Under 12s can't ride supervised

Even supervised, children under 12 can't ride e-devices on roads or paths.



Under 12s can ride in declared areas

- Mountain-bike trails.
- Rail trails and private off-road bike parks.
- No supervision needed.

Children 12-15



12-15s can ride anywhere with supervision

Children must be supervised by a parent, grandparent, guardian or carer.



12-15s can ride in declared areas

- Mountain-bike trails.
- Rail trails and private off-road bike parks.
- No supervision needed.

Children 16-17



16-17s without a licence can ride anywhere with supervision

Children must be supervised by a parent, grandparent, guardian or carer.



16-17s without a licence can ride in declared areas

- Mountain-bike trails.
- Rail trails and private off-road bike parks.
- No supervision needed.



Medical exemptions apply

If your child cannot hold a licence because of a medical condition or disability, they may be eligible for a medical exemption.



16+ with a valid licence can ride anywhere

Anyone with a learner licence can ride wherever e-devices are permitted.

Penalties for parents

You can be fined if your child does the wrong thing.



Riding underage
\$518*



Riding unlicensed
\$518*



Riding illegal device
\$621*

*Fines update every year on July 1st.

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E-bikes



E-scooters and PMDs

