

Advice for local governments

New e-mobility laws from 1 July 2026



Rules for e-bike and e-scooter riders

From 1 July 2026



Footpath speed limit

12km/h limit on footpath at all times.



Shared path speed limit

12km/h limit when passing pedestrians. Riders must otherwise follow the signed speed limit



Follow signed speed limits

Riders must follow the speed limits on all other infrastructure



25km/h restrictions apply to PMDs.

Riders cannot travel faster than 25km/h, even if the speed limit permits.

What is a footpath vs a shared path?



Footpaths

Footpaths are designed for primary use by pedestrians. They are often narrow, closely aligned to roads, and in high-traffic areas.



Shared paths

Shared paths are designed for use by pedestrians and riders. They are often wide, continuous routes that accommodate riders and pedestrians in 2 directions. Shared paths are often signed or marked as such; though this is not mandatory.



Local governments are not required to make changes to local signage.

The new laws have been designed to reduce impacts to council operations. No wholesale signage changes or reviews are necessary – this remains the discretion of local government.

New parking offence

From 1 July 2026



Safe parking requirements

Riders are now obligated to ensure that their device is not parked in an obstructive manner. This means not parked hazardously in the path of other pedestrians.



Fines apply to riders

Riders who fail to park appropriately will face fines of \$172*.



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*Fines can increase from 1 July each year, check QGov for current amounts.