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Driving an electric scooter

Information & recommendations

Definition:

Electric scooters belong to a special vehicle category of small vehicles and are designed to travel at speeds from 6 to 25 kilometers per hour.

Where can they be driven?

An electric scooter may be ridden:

- on bike paths, sidewalks and footpaths.
- over streets and pedestrian crossings, but not faster than walking speed.
- on streets or roads where the speed limit is 30 km/h or lower.

Are there any age limits?

Yes - the driver must be at least 13 years old. In addition, the age guidelines of the bike manufacturers and the age limits of the e-scooter rental must always be followed.

Is it mandatory to use a helmet and other safety equipment?

Electric scooter riders are subject to the same safety regulations as bicycle riders.

Children under the age of 16 are required by law to wear a helmet. It is recommended that adults also wear a helmet, as it is an important safety feature.

Are passengers allowed?

No.

Is it allowed to park an electric scooter anywhere?

No, the e-scooter should be parked so that it does not obstruct pedestrians, cause an accident risk or inconvenience. Do not park in the middle of the sidewalk, paths, at ramps, pedestrian crossings or in front of the entrances of buildings.

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Is it allowed to drive on sidewalks or footpaths?

Yes, you can. If you cycle on a sidewalk or footpath, the same rules apply as for bicycles. Pedestrians have priority and cyclists must take this into account.

In general, all road users should keep to the right and overtake on the left.

It is important to slow down and signal in good time before reaching other users of the path or before reaching a blind corner or turn.

Is it allowed to ride a bike after consuming alcohol or drugs?

No, riding a bicycle under the influence of alcohol or other drugs is prohibited by law. You can expect fines if your blood alcohol level is above 0.5 per mille.

Is it allowed to use a mobile phone or smart device while riding

No, the use of mobile phones and other similar devices on an electric scooter is prohibited by law. The bike must be stopped before using such devices.

Is it necessary to have any special lights on an electric scooter?

Yes, it is important to have strong and good lights - white at the front and red at the back. It is mandatory to have lights when it is dark. There should be reflectors on the bike, both front and back.

Is it allowed to modify an electric scooter so it can go faster?

No, it is illegal to modify an electric scooter so that it can go faster than 25 km/h.

Is it necessary to have insurance?

There is no insurance requirement for these bikes, but owners are encouraged to seek advice from insurance companies regarding liability insurance.