



E-scooters: Advice for families

An e-scooter is an electric scooter that is powered by a rechargeable battery.

Is my child allowed to ride an e-scooter?

In NSW, it is **illegal** to ride a privately owned e-scooter on roads or road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.

If you allow your child to ride a privately owned e-scooter, they are **only permitted** to ride it on private property.

Is my child allowed to ride in a e-scooter trial area?

E-scooter shared schemes are being trialled in designated local government areas in NSW.

Your child must be **16 years or older** to hire and ride a shared e-scooter within a trial area.

Hired shared scheme e-scooters are only able to be used on roads and road-related areas in the designated e-scooter trial areas. It is illegal for privately owned e-scooters to be ridden on NSW roads or road related areas, including in trial areas.



What is the law and safety advice in a trial area?

If you allow your 16 years or older child to hire and ride a shared e-scooter within a trial area, you should be aware that your child must:

- ▶ hire a shared e-scooter only from the selected provider in the trial area
- ▶ use a shared e-scooter on selected roads, bike paths and shared paths, in the trial area
- ▶ stay under 10km/h on shared paths and 20km/h on the road
- ▶ always wear an approved helmet
- ▶ not carry passengers
- ▶ not use a mobile phone whilst riding

It is recommended that your child wears brightly coloured clothing so other road users can easily see them.

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For more information, please visit:

- ▶ transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety

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