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An Important Message from The Queensland Police Service – E-Scooters and E-Bikes

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E-scooters, e-skateboards, and solo wheels have a separate set of rules to e-bikes. Here in Queensland, riders of legal e-bikes must follow the same rules as standard bicycles.

E-scooters rules

To ensure you and your child know the rules to stay as safe as possible when using e-scooters or e-skateboards, visit [StreetSmarts Qld](#) for a quick and easy to understand listing of the rules and fines. Most importantly, remember:

- Only those **aged 16+** can ride e-scooters and e-skateboards **unsupervised**.
- **Helmets must be worn** with the straps properly fastened (bicycle or motorcycle helmets) and bells fitted for devices with handlebars.
- **No passengers/doubling** – only one person riding an e-scooter.
- **Speed limit of 12km/h** on footpaths and shared paths.
- Serious fines may apply to riders, and parents, if caught breaking the rules.

[StreetSmartsQld](#) also features educational videos and other helpful safety tips for riding e-scooters and e-skateboards.

E-bike rules

Beware that some e-bikes are illegal. In order to legally ride an e-bike on public roads and footpaths, it must comply with the following:

		
Pedals are primary source of power The motor provides assistance only	Motor assistance up to 25km/h The bicycle can only be ridden faster under human power	Maximum continuous motor output 250 watts The motor output should be printed on the compliance sticker

There has been a huge increase in devices that are thought to be e-bikes but are in fact illegal motorbikes. They are banned from use and riders (or parents) can face significant penalties totalling more than \$1,640.

You can't ride your device on a path or road if it has any of these:

		
Internal combustion engine E-bikes must have an electric motor	Throttle powered only Throttle power is permitted at speeds up to 6km/h to get started. After this you must pedal to activate the motor assistance	High powered motors High-powered devices with a motor more than 250 watts are not permitted. High-powered devices that are locked to lower limits are still illegal

Already have one of these devices in your home, or considering buying one? Visit [Electric Bikes | StreetSmarts - Queensland Government](#) to find out more about the rules for legal devices as well as the rules for riding.