

E-SCOOTERS AND E-BIKES

A guide to support Casey primary schools, families and students



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General rules

Whether a child walks, rides a bicycle or uses a scooter, these road safety reminders support safer travel to and from school.

There is ongoing community confusion about the rules for children and young people using e-bikes and e-scooters.

Parents, carers and school leaders are encouraged to review this information carefully to understand the applicable rules and penalties.

E-scooters that meet Victorian road rule requirements [e-scooter road rules](#) may be used in Victoria under strict conditions. A licence is not currently required to ride an e-scooter or e-bike in Victoria.

Children under 16 years of age must not ride an e-scooter on public roads or footpaths.

All riders must follow the rules to help keep everyone safe; this includes always wearing a properly fitted helmet, not riding on footpaths, not carrying additional passengers and never riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Breaking these rules can result in significant fines. Please take a moment to check the requirements before your child rides.

It is illegal to ride an e-scooter on public land if the device does not meet state Victorian requirements.



Quick reference for parents and carers

This quick reference outlines the key e-bike and e-scooter rules for parents and carers, along with important safety reminders for children and young people travelling to and from school.

E-scooters

- » Must be 16 or older
- » Ride at no more than 20 km/h
- » Always wear a helmet
- » No mobile phones while riding
- » Don't carry others
- » No riding on footpaths



E-bikes

- » Maximum assisted speed: 25km /h
- » Have working pedals
- » Always wear a helmet
- » No mobile phones while riding
- » Don't carry others
- » Only riders 12 and under can ride on footpaths



Not all e-bikes or e-scooters sold are legal to ride on public roads and paths.

Check it is legal before you buy.

School guidance for parents and carers

Primary school students

Primary school students are allowed to ride non-powered scooters to school only.

E-scooters are not permitted for students under 16 years of age.

For non-powered scooters

- » Always wear a helmet and ensure it is fastened.
- » Keep your scooter maintained.
- » Non-powered scooter riders are allowed on footpaths and shared-use paths
- » Use your bell to warn pedestrians you are approaching if on the same path as pedestrians.
- » Always stay left on the path unless overtaking.



Secondary school students

E-scooter riders must be aged 16 or over

- » Always wear a helmet
- » Ride at no more than 20 km/hr
- » Ride on:
 - shared-use paths (not footpaths)
 - bicycle paths
 - roads with a speed limit of up to 60 km/h
 - Do not carry a passenger (dink)
 - Use flashing or steady front and rear lights if riding at night or in low light.
 - Park responsibly in a location that does not disrupt pedestrians or pose a safety hazard.
 - Keep to approved and legal areas if using a hired e-scooter.



Many secondary schools are not allowing e-scooters and e-bikes to school for safety reasons.

It is illegal to ride a e-scooter if you are under the age of 16 years.

Secondary School Leadership Teams are advised to communicate the legal reasons why e-scooters are not allowed under the age of 16 years.

E-scooter rules

The rules for e-scooter use are set out in the [Road Safety Road Rules 2017 | legislation.vic.gov.au](https://legislation.vic.gov.au). Some penalties for non-compliance are outlined below. Please note: if more than one rule is breached, multiple infringements may apply.

- » Riding e-scooter if under 16
- » Ride on footpaths (see [TAC e-scooters: Footpaths \(15 sec\)](#))
- » Ride an e-scooter capable of exceeding 25 km/h
- » Ride on roads with a speed limit above 60 km/h
- » Ride under the influence of alcohol or drugs (police may conduct breath testing and you may lose your licence)
- » Use a mobile phone while riding
- » Carry passengers (including “dinking”) or transport animals
- » Ride two-abreast (side by side).

To enforce these laws, Victoria Police can:

- » stop riders and require them to state their name and address
- » require the rider to undergo alcohol and drug testing
- » impound privately owned e-scooters if relevant offending is identified*
- » impose on-the-spot fines if offending is identified
- » issue charges to appear before a court if offending is identified

** E-scooters and e-bikes impounded by Victoria Police will be stored by Council. As a result, release and impound fees will apply in addition to any infringements issued by Victoria Police.*

State penalties (as at 1 July 2026 * Subject to change)

Issued by Victoria Police and other state agencies

Ride a non-compliant e-scooter (i.e one capable of travelling faster than 25km/h, which is considered an unregistered motor vehicle)	\$ 1,046
Failing to wear helmet	\$ 418
Ride e-scooter on a footpath	\$ 314
Ride e-scooter if under 16 years of age	\$ 314
Riding with a passenger	\$ 261
Riding as a passenger	\$261, increasing to \$680 if not wearing a helmet
Ride e-scooter on a road with a speed-limit greater than 60km/h	\$ 366
Exceed speed limit on e-scooter (20km/h max)	\$ 261
Drinking alcohol while riding	\$ 418
Ride e-scooter alongside another rider (riding 2 abreast)	\$ 209
Use a handheld mobile phone whilst riding	\$ 627
Fail to obey traffic lights	\$ 523

Local Law penalties (as at 1 July 2026 * Subject to change)

Release per motorbike/recreational vehicle seizures under local law	\$845.00*
Infringement under Casey Community Local Law	\$314.00*
Potential total fine under local law	\$1159.00

E-bikes rules

E-bike riders must follow the same road rules that apply to regular bicycles. That means

- » always wearing a helmet
- » not using a mobile phone while riding
- » using lights in low light
- » riding on the road or shared user path when 13 years of age and older unless accompanying a rider under 12 years of age.

Illegal e-bikes in our community



E-bike riders must follow the same road rules that apply to regular bicycles.

That means always wearing a helmet, not using a mobile phone while riding, and using lights in low light.

E-bikes with the following characteristics **must not be ridden** on public roads or in road-related areas:

- » toggle switches to override the power and wattage limits
- » motor which continues to provide power after reaching 25km/h
- » the motors have a combined continuous rated power output greater than 250 watts.
- » no functional pedals
- » fitted with an internal combustion engine (e.g. petrol powered).

These e-bikes may only be used on private property. If ridden in public areas, they may be treated as unregistered motor vehicles and significant penalties may apply.

Police may seize and impound an e-bike that is being ridden unlawfully on public roads.

Fines for high-powered e-bikes

An e-bike that exceeds the power and speed limits could be considered a motor vehicle. You could be fined for:

- » driving an unregistered motor vehicle, and
- » driving without a valid licence.

Helmet safety

Why do we promote helmet safety? Take 30 seconds to watch: [TAC E-scooters No Helmet 15sec](#)

Injury information

Data indicates that the most common e-scooter-related injuries requiring hospitalisation include limb, head and facial injuries. The risk of serious injury increases when riders breach road rules, including riding without a helmet. Fractures are the most frequently reported injury, followed by dislocations, sprains and strains. **E-scooter and e-bike injuries are increasing in our community.**

Correct way to wear your helmet?



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Ensure your child's helmet is approved and carries the Australian standard AS/NZS 2063, which means it has been safety approved, legal and meets standards.

Why helmet use matters

Wearing a helmet is a legal requirement when riding a bicycle or scooter. A properly fitted helmet is one of the most effective ways to reduce the risk of serious injury for children and young people.

Riders who do not wear a helmet are **74%** more likely to experience a head injury in a road crash than riders wearing a helmet. They are also **43%** more likely to sustain injuries classified as severe or critical.

Additional References/Support

To stay up to date with the most accurate information:

[Active transport in Victoria - Transport Victoria](#)

[E-scooter rules - Transport Victoria](#)

[Electric powered scooters \(e-scooters\) | Road safety | Victoria Police](#)

[Bicycle road rules – Transport Victoria](#)

For more information about road safety, please visit: [Safe Around Schools | City of Casey](#)