



## Scooter Safety

Children should wear safety gear when riding a scooter including a helmet (required), wrist guards, and elbow and knee pads.

Children 8 years and younger should not use a scooter without CLOSE adult supervision.

### Did You Know?

#### **Scooters are especially dangerous because:**

- The rider's weight is positioned forward near the front wheel, increasing the risk of tumbling over headfirst.
- Stopping the scooter requires one foot on the ground and causes loss of balance.
- The wheelbase is narrow, increasing instability if a small crack in the pavement or rock is hit.

**If you have a motorized scooter or a moped, you must be 16 years old or older and have a valid California driver's license to use it on city streets.**

**If you have an electrically motorized board, such as a hoverboard, you must be 16 years old or older and you must ride it in the bike lane, not exceeding a maximum speed of 20 mph.**

#### **Different rules apply to motorized skateboards.**

For clarification on the definitions of motorized bike vs moped, or motorized scooter, and electrically motorized skateboard vs hoverboard, visit [www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/motorcycles/motorcycles](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/motorcycles/motorcycles).

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