



Ride Smart Stay Safe Your Choices Matter

Micromobility Safety for Kids and Adults

(Bikes, Scooters, and Electric Devices)

What's happening

- More kids and adults are riding bikes, scooters, and electric devices.
- These can be fun, but kids and adults can get hurt if they don't know the rules.
- Some kids and adults are riding e-scooters, motor scooters, and e-bikes on sidewalks, roads, and school property. CHOP has found more than a **70% increase in child injury** due to e-scooters
- **Adults and teens are becoming critically injured** at alarming rates
- While these e-devices are advertised as transportation and “child friendly” looking like toys for children, Pennsylvania treats them like motor vehicles on public roads require helmets and the rider be 16 years of age.
- **Electric stand-up scooters are not allowed on public roads or sidewalks in Pennsylvania.**
- **These Motorized devices are not allowed on school property.** School cameras record unsafe riding.



PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET



Make a Smart Choice When Buying Electric Micromobility for Yourself or Child

- **E-scooters only on private property**, like a driveway or yard.
- For e-bikes, **age matters**, PA says you must be **at least 16** to ride motorized devices in traffic.
- Riding in traffic takes strong skills, quick thinking, and good judgment.
- Electric scooters have small wheels, less stability and children and adults are being **injured at alarming rates**

Be Smart and Stay Safe by

- **Always wear a helmet**—every ride, every time. Standard bicycle helmets are designed and tested for **impacts under 20 mph**. E-bikes that can reach **20–28 mph**, which exceeds what a basic bike helmet is built for. Use a **higher-protection helmet**.
- **Never ride with another person on the same bike or scooter.**
- Remember: **electric scooters are not legal on PA roads or sidewalks. Only on private property**, like a driveway or yard.

Riding bicycles or legal e-bikes follow all the same traffic laws as drivers, including:

- Stopping at stop signs and red lights
- Riding in the same direction as traffic
- Yielding to pedestrians
- Using lights at night
- Not riding on sidewalks in business districts
- Not weaving between cars or cutting through parking lots
- Not riding against traffic
- Not using phones while riding

Pennsylvania law treats bicycles and e-bikes as **vehicles** when they are on public roads.

Kids learn best with adult help

A parent or trusted adult should **teach and practice skills** with kids. Practicing together builds confidence and keeps everyone safe. Ride bikes and non-motorized scooters in safe places away from cars.

Learn more about bike safety here:

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