

Transport
for NSW

Bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters



Know the rules

Bicycle riders, just as other road users, must comply with all applicable NSW road rules. For more information visit

transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/bicycle-riders

Stay safe

- Always wear protective gear when riding including a brightly coloured helmet and clothing
- Indicate clearly and always ensure you are not in a vehicle's blind spot, especially when changing lanes or direction
- Ride predictably and do not weave between vehicles, including parked cars

Helmets

All riders and passengers on bicycles must wear an Australian and New Zealand Standards (AS/NZS 2063) approved helmet that is securely fitted and fastened on the rider's head.

Drivers

Remember you must leave a minimum of one metre when passing bike riders when the speed limit is 60km/h or under. You must leave at least 1.5 metres when over 60km/h.



E-bikes

There are two types of permitted e-bikes: Electrically power-assisted cycles and Power-assisted pedal cycles.

Electrically power-assisted cycles

An electrically power-assisted cycle has a maximum continued rated power of up to 500 watts. This power output must be:

- Progressively reduced as the bicycle's speed increases beyond 6km/h
- Cut off when:
 - Your bicycle reaches a speed of 25km/h
 - You stop pedalling and the speed exceeds 6km/h

Power-assisted pedal cycles

A power-assisted pedal cycle has one or more motors attached with a combined maximum power output of up to 200 watts. This bicycle:

- Cannot be propelled only by the motor/s
- Must weigh less than 50kg (including batteries)
- Have a height-adjustable seat

All petrol-powered bicycles are illegal on NSW roads and road-related areas such as footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.





E-scooters

- Privately owned e-scooters can only be used on private property in NSW. They cannot be used on roads or road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths, cycle ways and cycle paths.
- Hired shared scheme E-scooters are only able to be used on roads and road-related areas in designated e-scooter trial areas

E-skateboards

- E-skateboards are illegal in NSW, unless being used as a mobility aid for people with a disability who meet specific use conditions
- E-skateboards that do not meet these conditions can only be used on private property



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