



# Scooters

**Scooters are a popular toy but many children are injured riding these wheeled toys. It is important for your child to understand the potential dangers of riding a scooter and how to protect themselves from injury.**



## Teach your child

- Show your child how to ride and control their scooter in a safe learning area – well away from roads and driveways.
- Scooters have small wheels, a low clearance and the braking system is not always reliable which means that losing control is quite likely particularly if your child is riding on rough surfaces. Show your child how to use the braking system.
- The folding mechanism can sometimes give way under pressure. Make sure your child knows this and regularly checks their scooter.
- Falls can happen at any time and are very common for children riding scooters. Check that your child wears their bike helmet, and wrist, elbow and knee guards, every time they ride their scooter – even in the backyard.
- Do not allow your child to ride their scooter near the road or down steep hills and driveways.
- Explain the road rules. Make sure that your child always gives way to pedestrians on footpaths and shared paths.
- Supervise your child, especially when they are riding on cycle paths or in the park, and make sure that safety is a priority.

Thank you for playing a vital role in your child's road safety education.