



Bicycles, scooters and skateboards

Cycling and riding wheeled devices such as foot powered scooters, skateboards and rollerblades is a healthy and environmentally friendly way for your children to travel. Like other motor vehicles on the road, cyclists must comply with the road rules, so here are a few tips that can help make your children's journeys safer.

What the law says

Bicycles

All cyclists must wear an Approved Australian and New Zealand Standards bike helmet.

All cyclists are permitted to ride on the footpath but must give way to pedestrians.

Choose a helmet that fits correctly and displays an Australian/New Zealand Standards sticker. Securely fasten the helmet and check it regularly for damage. If damaged, replace promptly.

Bikes must be roadworthy and fitted with working brakes and a bell, have front and rear lights, and a rear reflector.

Scooter (foot powered)

Unless signposted, children under 12 can ride a scooter on the footpath.

Riders over 12 years must follow the laws for cyclists.

Skateboards

Unless there are signs prohibiting their use, skateboards and rollerblades can be used on the footpath.

Skateboards can only be used on road with no lanes marked and during daylight hours.

Safety tips

Take extra care when riding on footpaths and give way to pedestrians, especially older pedestrians.

Make sure the cyclist has a high skill level before moving onto a road.

Avoid cycling on busy roads. Use shared paths and cycle paths whenever possible.

Be prepared to respond to any riding hazards.

Check bikes regularly and keep up the maintenance.

Children should ride scooters away from roads and in areas designed for scooter riding.

Wear a helmet and knee and elbow pads for protection.

Ride in areas away from roads and at skate parks.

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The law and safety advice for bicycles, rollerblades, scooters and skateboards. Information for parents and carers about safety on wheels.

LAWS CAN CHANGE SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FAMILY FOLLOWS THE MOST CURRENT LEGISLATION.



The Department of Transport is a great source of information - www.transport.wa.gov.au