E-scooters

E-scooters have been in use as a means of transportation in Austria for several years now.

As they are used on public roads, there are also rules on how to use them properly and safely.

This folder provides an overview of the most important of these rules.

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SAFETY ON E-SCOOTERS IN VIENNA

Instructions on how to use e-scooters safely

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The Highway Code* and the Motor Vehicle Act stipulate what is permitted and what is prohibited when using public roads and paths, how road users must conduct themselves and what condition vehicles must be in. The following passages in the law relate to the use of e-scooters:

WHAT IS ALLOWED

E-scooters:

Maximum permissible motor power rating: max. 600 watts and

Design speed: max. 25 km/h

User:

Children (under 12 years): with a bicycle helmet and together with a person aged at least 16 or

Children (under 12 years): with bicycle helmet and in possession of a bicycle pass

Users of rental e-scooter: only in compliance with all terms of use (note: most e-scooters may only be used by persons aged 18 and over).

MANDATORY

Conduct:

Correct use of roads and paths:
Designated bike paths should be used (cycle paths, cycle lanes, footpaths and cycle lanes, multi-purpose lanes)

If no bike paths are available:
You must use the road

Fittings:

Brakes that work

Reflectors or reflective foils (white at the front, red at the rear, yellow at the side)

BDuring the hours of darkness and in poor visibility:
White light at the front, red light at the back

RECOMMENDED

"Remember:
Wearing a helmet protects you from being seriously injured, so always wear a bicycle helmet!"

NOT ALLOWED

Conduct:

Using the e-scooter while under the influence of substances such as alcohol or drugs (limit: 0.8 per mille – as for bicycles)

Using the e-scooter on pavements, footpaths and zebra crossings (along them – as for bicycles)

Travelling the wrong way along a one-way street if there is no exception for bicycles.

More than one person travelling on an e-scooter at the same time

Making phone calls while using the e-scooter

Parking e-scooters on pavements causing an obstruction:

- Private e-scooters may only be parked on pavements with a minimum width of 2.5 m.
- Rental scooters may only be parked on pavements with a minimum width of 4 m and in designated parking zones (ordinance issued by the City of Vienna)

*Austrian Highway Code 1960 together with other ancillary laws and ordinances