

Fact Sheet

Children in Western Australia often use **eRideables**, such as **eScooters**, **eSkateboards**, or other electric devices, for travel and recreation. Knowing how eRideables differ from low-powered motorized devices can help parents and caregivers keep children safe.

eRideables

Children under 16 years are not allowed to use eRideables such as **eScooters** in Western Australia. Understanding age limits can help parents and caregivers choose safer options for their child.

Current laws include:

- Age requirements 16+
- eRideables should weigh less than 25kg
- One person per device
- Helmets are required
- Light reflectors are required
- Speed on footpaths not exceeding 10km/h
- Speed on bike paths, shared paths, and local roads not exceeding 25km/h
- Travel is not permitted on roads exceeding 50km/h.

Low powered motorised devices

Children under the age of 16 can operate low-powered motorised scooters that **do not** exceed 200 watts and do not exceed 10km/h.

Safety Checklist

- Avoid poorly made products.
- Ensure all parts are functional i.e. brakes and locking mechanism.
- Ensure the rider is highly visible to road users.
- Purchase and use protective equipment. Most falls are due to a loss of control, and the rider is likely to fall onto their hands, wrists, elbows, knees, and/or bump their head.
- Learn to ride and practice in a safe place.

WA road rules

Kidsafe WA recommends that children using low-powered motorized devices should use footpaths and shared paths. However, they must keep left and give way to pedestrians. On shared paths, they have the right of way over bicycles. It is recommended that children under 10 years of age ride under the supervision of an adult.

Small-wheeled devices can be used on roads, however:

- Only during daylight hours
- On local roads that do not have white lines or medium strips
- On roads with a speed limit of 50kmph or less
- Must keep to the left.

For more information on eRideables and travelling safely on WA roads, check out the Road Safety Commission:

www.wa.gov.au/organisation/road-safety-commission/erideables



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