

Insurance

Manitoba Public Insurance does not register, insure or license scooters.

CAA Insurance advises to purchase insurance to protect yourself from personal liability. Insurance can be purchased as an additional clause on your home insurance. Speak with your insurance broker before purchasing a scooter.

CONDUCT

For your safety and those around you

Safe Scooting Habits

- Even though scooter users are considered pedestrians, you must give other pedestrians the right of way
- Keep your speed low
- Remember that pedestrians are unpredictable – especially children
- Plan your trips during off peak periods. For example, don't hit the sidewalk when school is letting out, or during lunchtime in the business district
- Keep to one side of the sidewalk, and always ascend and descend curbs and ramps straight on
- Slow down when making turns
- Stay seated at all times
- Avoid left turns, if possible



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With great mobility, comes great responsibility.

Mobility Matters

Safe Scooting Guide

The first step to safe scooting is getting the correct scooter. Your transportation experience will change based on the type of scooter you choose.

Before making the investment, determine how and where you plan to use it.

A major concern is weight because some scooters are designed to support more weight than others.

Buyer beware: 3-wheeled or 4-wheeled?

3-wheeled scooters are popular—they offer good maneuverability. They can take tight corners, making them perfect to use around the house and yard. 3-wheelers are more likely to tip over. You will have to pay close attention to uneven surfaces, and lean back in your seat to maximize your balance with three wheels.

4-wheelers are not as maneuverable—they offer far better balance and stability. 4-wheeled scooters usually perform better outdoors and can support more weight than a 3-wheeler.



## Unsafe Scooting Habits

### You should:

- **NOT** stop on a roadway, unless it's an emergency
- **NOT** transport passengers
- **NOT** carry bags or other accessories that hinder your visibility or driving ability
- **NOT** tow anything other than a trailer customized for your scooter
- **NOT** use your cell phone or headphones
- **NOT** push anything

## Important Scooter Accessories



## Cautions

- Drinking alcohol while taking certain prescription medicines or over the counter drugs can seriously affect your scooter driving ability
- Starting a new medication can result in an unexpected drug interaction with side effects like blurred vision, dizziness or slowed reaction time

## OBEY THE LAW

Personal mobility is a vital part of our everyday lives – no matter what your age, or physical ability. It's key to independent living. Mobility vehicles enhance personal transportation but they come with certain legal responsibilities.

## According to the law:

A person operating a mobility vehicle, which includes motorized mobility aids like wheelchairs and scooters, is classified as a pedestrian under the Manitoba Highway Traffic Act.



### To summarize from this Act, these are the rules that govern mobility scooters in Manitoba:

- Mobility scooters are allowed a maximum speed capability of 15 km/hr, but the maximum travel speed of these scooters is 10 km/h or less.
- Mobility scooters must not be wider than 81.2 centimetres, and cannot weigh more than 226 kilograms (498 pounds). A person operating a scooter can weigh up to 110kg (242 pounds).
- People using mobility scooters must follow the same rules as pedestrians.
- Mobility scooters can only travel on the road where a sidewalk is not available, is being repaired or is unsafe due to damage.
- Mobility scooters must only carry one person.
- Mobility scooters do not require registration, licence plates, driver's licence or vehicle insurance.



### It's important to note that:

- It is unsafe to sit in your scooter inside a moving vehicle.
- When using Handi-Van or Transit with your scooter, you must be physically able to transfer yourself from your scooter to the vehicle seat.
- You should enquire with your transportation provider to ensure they can accommodate your scooter.
- Your CAA membership covers you and your scooter in the event you have trouble. Call us the same way you would if you needed roadside assistance for your car and we will send a trailer to pick you up.
- CAA's "Drive you home" service is also included with your membership. If you are ever feeling ill, or unable to drive.