

## Fact Sheet E-Scooters

### Traffic rules for Bulgaria

#### 1. Minimum Age

- 16+ years

Use is prohibited for persons under 16.

#### 2. Helmet

- Mandatory for all riders.

#### 3. Where can you ride?

- On designated **cycling infrastructure**.
- If unavailable – as close as possible to the right edge of the road.
- Riding is **prohibited on roads** with a speed limit above 50 km/h, unless a cycle lane is present.

Riding is **prohibited on sidewalks** and pedestrian areas

#### 4. Maximum speed

- Up to 25 km/h

#### 5. Visibility and reflective elements

- In reduced visibility conditions: lights must be turned on and riders must wear a reflective vest or reflective elements.
- Riding is **prohibited during nighttime**.

#### 6. Technical condition

Mandatory equipment includes:

- Functional brakes
- A mechanical or electronic bell (no other sound signals)
- White/yellow front light and red rear light

Use of a technically unfit scooter is **prohibited**.

#### 7. Road behaviour

The following are **prohibited**:

- Riding with one hand
- Carrying passengers or bulky items
- Performing stunts or riding on one wheel
- Using a phone or other handheld device while riding
- Leading animals while riding

At pedestrian crossings: riders must **dismount** and walk their scooter across.

#### 8. Parking

- Only in designated areas or where the scooter does not obstruct traffic.
- Parking is **prohibited** on sidewalks, bus stops, building entrances, and in parks.



## 9. Insurance

- The law provides for **compulsory third-party liability insurance**, but implementation mechanisms are still being developed.
- Further regulation and guidance are expected from the competent authorities.

## 10. Registration

- As of 7 February 2026, all PLEVs must be registered with the local municipality.
- Without registration, using the vehicle on public roads will be prohibited.

## 11. Alcohol and drugs

- Maximum permitted blood alcohol level: 0.5 ‰
- Use of narcotic substances is strictly prohibited

