

Fact Sheet E-Scooters

Traffic rules for Finland

Age

- Minimum age for scooter driver is now 15 years.

Cycling infrastructure

- Riders of e-scooters must essentially follow the same rules as cyclists
- If there is no cycle path, an e-scooter user must ride on the street
- Forbidden on pavements

Speed limit

- 25 km/h

Equipment

- On dark or dusky conditions white or light-yellow front light and red rear light. Lights can be mounted on a driver.
- On dark or dusky conditions rear reflector. Reflector can be mounted on a driver.
- Sound signalling device
- No seat device. Seat allowed if the vehicle is meant to be driven off-road or on unpaved roads
- A reliable steering device
- Structures that ensure sufficient manoeuvrability, sufficient cornering and braking properties, as well as turning.
- At least 1 brake device
- Sufficient ground clearance

Parking rules

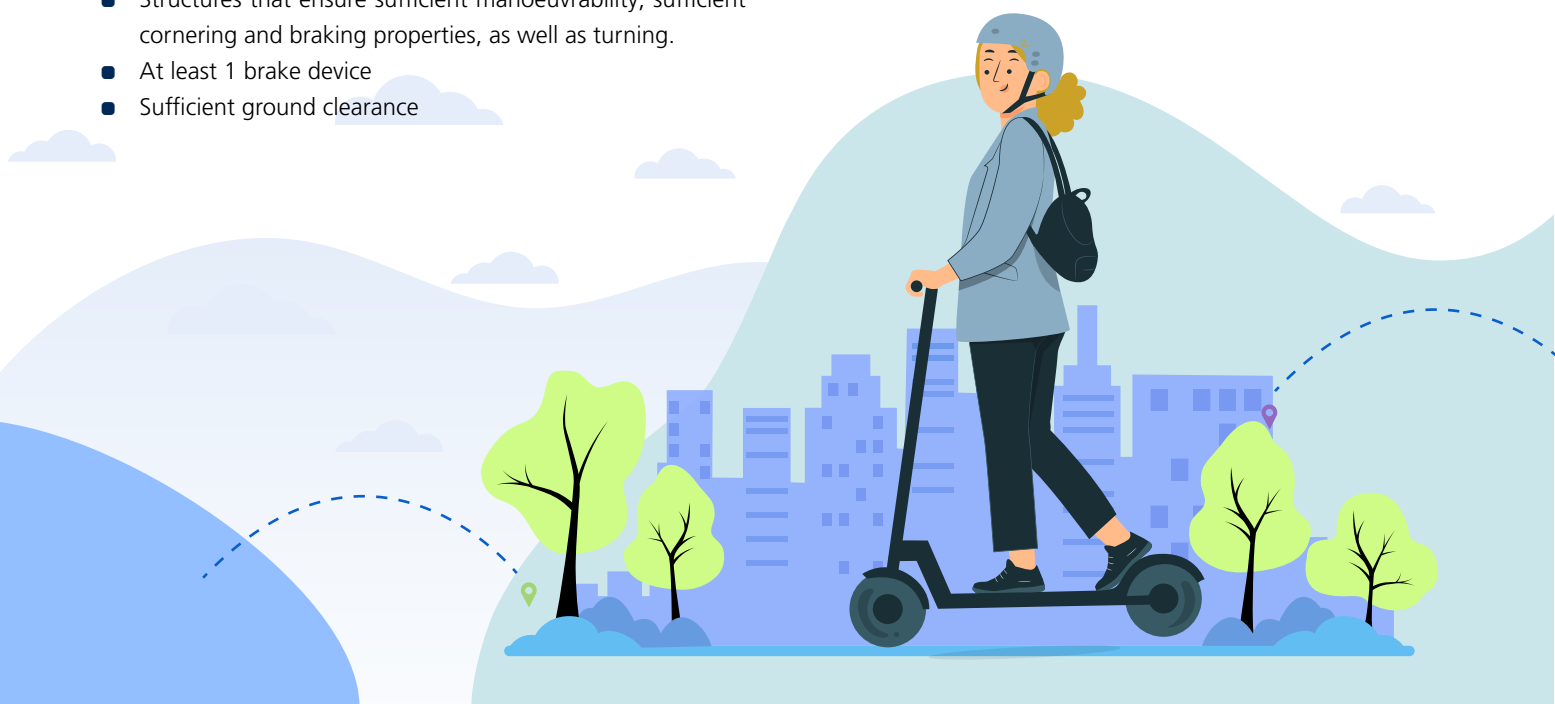
- On pedestrian and cycle paths, on the pavement or in a pedestrian zone, as long as the scooter does not obstruct or inconvenience other road users.
- Shared electric scooters must be parked in places reserved for them, if one is designated.

Helmet

- Helmet not required but highly recommended.

Alcohol and drugs

- Alcohol limit for scooter drivers is now 0,5 per mille and zero tolerance for drugs.
- Police has right to conduct breath or saliva tests on drivers of electric scooters
- According to the law, a person driving an e-scooter under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicating substances must not cause a danger to the safety of others.



Miscellaneous

- One rider only. Passenger allowed if the vehicle is designed for passenger transportation.
- No driving licence required
- No licence plates or compulsory insurance required. Some e-scooters must have motor liability insurance
- In municipalities where shared-use services, such as rental electric scooters, operate, service providers must have a micro-traffic permit issued by the municipality.
- A light electric vehicle may not be handed over to anyone under the age of 15 to be transported.

