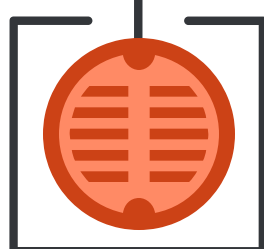


Staying Safe on Electric Scooters

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Look Out for Grates

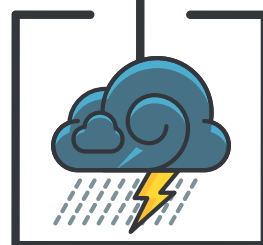


Unlike bicycles and mopeds that can ride over sewers and grates with ease, these electric scooters have tiny wheels that can get caught in the spaces. If your scooter gets caught, you could very well end up flying over the handlebars.

Avoid Damp Roads

2

Wet roads will make the small tires of the scooters lose traction faster than a bicycle or vehicle would. Avoid riding the scooters on damp roads or during a rainstorm. You're far safer to walk somewhere or jump in your car.



3

Be Wary of Busy Sidewalks...



If you choose to ride the scooter on a sidewalk, you're going to have to duck around pedestrians, cracks, holes and pets. You're also going to get the stink eye. That said, it's really a catch-22 - do you ride on the sidewalk or do you ride on the road?

...And Busy Roads

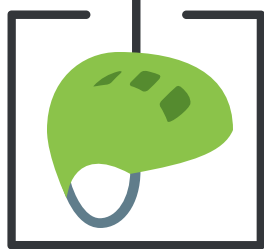
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If you do choose to ride on the road in lieu of the sidewalk, you're going to be mingling with vehicles much larger and faster than you. If there's a bike lane, stay in it. If you are passing a row of parked cars, be careful of any driver who may be opening their car door.



5

Wear a Helmet



This tip is a bit difficult to follow, because who actually carries a helmet with them at all times? But if you know you are going to be taking advantage of these scooters on a regular basis, you may want to invest in a helmet and toss it in your bag.

Stay Aware

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The same way you would if you were on a bike or walking, stay aware of your surroundings; put your phone in your pocket and keep your earbuds out. Practice the art of watching the ground in front of you while looking ahead of you. It's a delicate balance.



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