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New rules in place

regulating electric scooters
as specified small motorized bicycles!

Ride safely & comfortably!



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✔ **Wear a helmet**
(strongly encouraged
but not mandatory)

✔ **No riding under the
influence of alcohol**

✔ **Use turn signals**

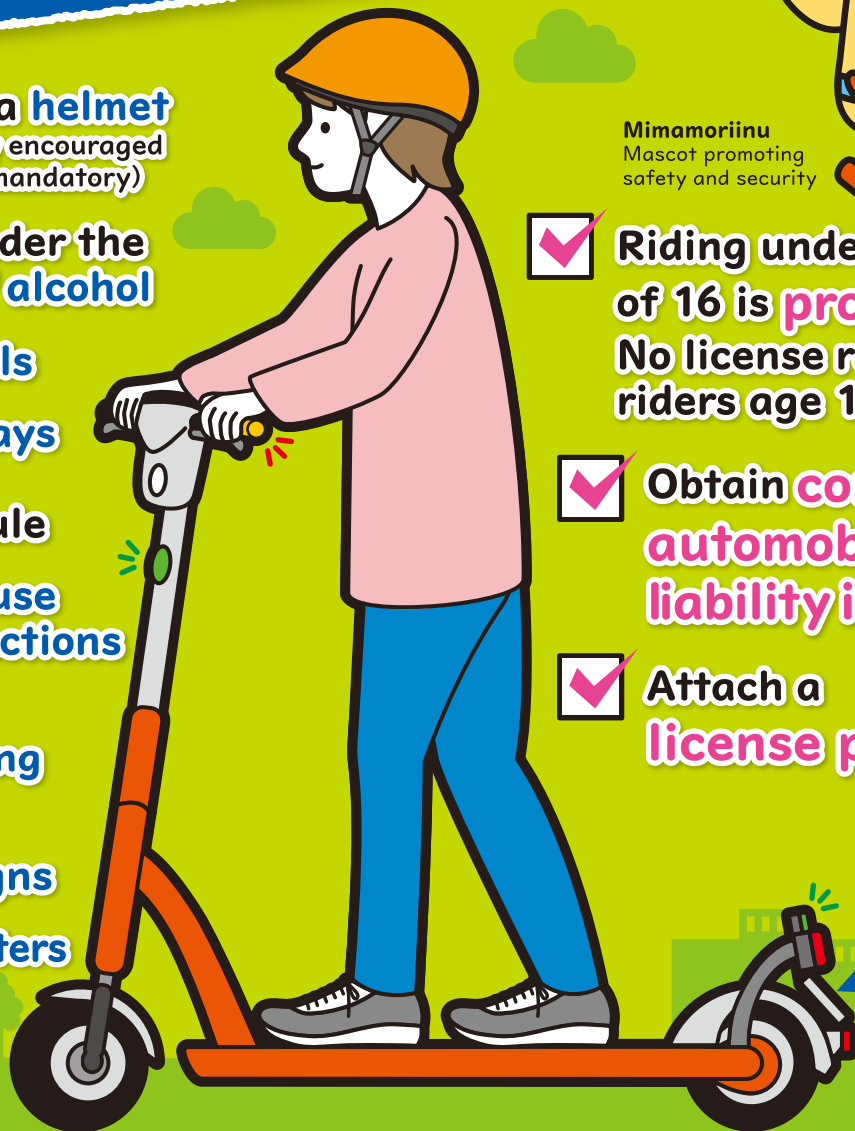
✔ **Ride on roadways
or bike lanes,
as a general rule**

✔ **No cell phone use
or other distractions
while riding**

✔ **No tandem riding**

✔ **Follow traffic
signals and signs**

✔ **No leaving scooters
unattended
on the
roadside, etc.**



✔ **Riding under the age
of 16 is prohibited**
No license required for
riders age 16 and over

✔ **Obtain compulsory
automobile
liability insurance**

✔ **Attach a
license plate**



*Image for illustrative
purposes only.

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**Specified small motorized bicycles
are vehicles that meet the following criteria:**

- 1 Up to 190cm in length and 60cm in width
- 2 Top speed cannot be adjusted while in motion
- 3 Motor power rating of no higher than 0.6kW
- 4 Automatic transmission
- 5 Cannot accelerate above 20km/h
- 6 Equipped with a max speed indicator light

*Transitional measures in effect.

Vehicles that do not meet all six conditions, even if shaped like an electric scooter, are classified as general motorized bicycles or motor vehicles and are subject to traffic rules according to their vehicle classification (e.g., driver's license requirement).

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What are the rules for specified small motorized bicycles?

(electric scooters)



Classification	Age Restriction	License Needed?	Helmet	Speed Limit	Lane Use	Max Speed Indicator Light
General Motorized Bicycles (formerly "Motorized Bicycles")	16+	Yes	Mandatory	30km/h (by law)	Roadways	—
Specified Small Motorized Bicycles	16+	No	Strongly Encouraged	20km/h (max)*	Roadways / Bike Lanes	Solid Green
Exceptional Specified Small Motorized Bicycles	16+	No	Strongly Encouraged	6km/h (max)*	Roadways / Bike Lanes / Designated Sidewalks	Flashing Green

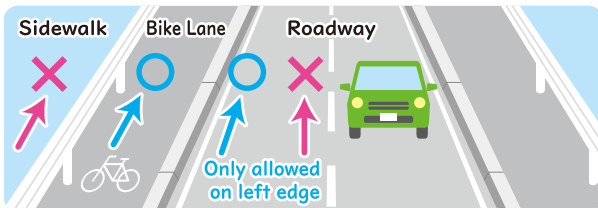
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*Controlled by speed limiting device

Some scooters can switch between both (not while in motion)

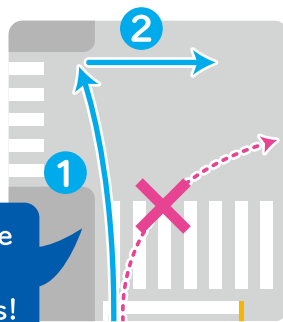
Ride on roadways and bike lanes

Ride on **roadways** (or **bike lanes**) in areas where the roadway is distinguished from a sidewalk or pedestrian shoulder.



Always check traffic signals and signs, and follow traffic rules.

Make two-stage right turns at intersections!



Riding on sidewalks is the exception

Only scooters designated as **exceptional** specified small motorized bicycles may ride on **sidewalks permitting bicycle use** (except where the passage of exceptional specified small motorized bicycles is prohibited by road signs, etc.).

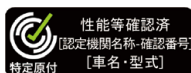
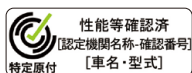
Pedestrians have right of way on sidewalks.



Ride safe scooters

Make sure your scooter is **compliant with the safety standards** of the Road Transport Vehicle Act.

e.g. Performance certificates



Traffic rules make **no distinction** between **personal** and **ride-share scooters**.

