

# 10 Rules You Should Know About Mobility Scooters



1. Who should use scooters and powered wheelchairs?  
**People with mobility problems caused by age, illness or disability.**
2. What is the speed limit in town and pedestrian areas?  
**4 mph, and use the scooter only where it would be safe to walk.**
3. Should you have insurance in case of an accident?  
**Yes, and shops or Shopmobility can advise you on this.**
4. Can you carry passengers, pets or children?     **No**
5. Where there is a cycle lane, should you use it?     **No**
6. Should pedestrians have the right of way?  
**Yes, and be wary of them, as it is impossible to judge what they will do.**

7. Can you drive a scooter under the influence of drink or drugs, which includes some medication? **No**
  
8. Does sight and cognitive awareness apply as it does to driving a car?  
**Yes, the same rules apply.**
  
9. Do not use the powered wheelchair or scooter on the road except for the purpose of crossing from one side to the other (unless it is a larger class 3 vehicle).  
Try to use the dropped kerbs, but if you can't, then do not attempt kerbs higher than 2 inches (50mm) in height, and always approach them head on.
  
10. Take special care and slow down when entering or leaving shops and switch off if you are waiting in a queue to be served. Use low speeds for reversing, on ramps, going downhill or on uneven surfaces.

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**All of the rules above can be found on the GOV.UK website entitled “Mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs: the rules.**