



# Mini motorcycles

**Notice for Retailers: Miniature motor cycles and mini motor scooters must not be used on dual use paths and footpaths and may only be used on roads if licensed.**

## Where can they be used?

In Western Australia motorised mini scooters, mini motorcycles and 'pocket racers' are classified under the *Road Traffic Act 1974*, as motor vehicles.

A motor vehicle can only be used on Western Australian roads if the vehicle is licensed.

A motor vehicle, any form of motor scooter, and mini motorcycle must not be used on footpaths and paths designed for shared use by pedestrians and bicycles. Unlicensed vehicles may only be used on private property.

These rules apply to petrol and electrical powered scooters and mini motorcycles.

Low powered scooters may only be used on private property.

Motorised wheelchairs commonly known as 'gophers' may be used on footpaths but are not permitted to travel at a speed greater than 10km per hour.

## Licensing vehicles

Some mini vehicles may be licensed to be used on the road by a licensed rider.

You can call the Department of Transport on 13 11 56 to find out how to license scooters or mini motorcycles.

## Do I need a licence to sell them?

Yes. Under the *Motor Vehicle Dealers Act 1973*, a person must hold a Motor Vehicle Dealer's Licence to sell motorcycles, which are defined as self-propelled two wheeled vehicles.



Any self-propelled vehicle with a power capacity of over 0.2 kilowatts is a vehicle to which the Act applies.

If you intend to sell these you should contact the Licensing Branch on 1300 304 064 to obtain a dealer licence application form.

## Advertising

Advertising laws require retailers to be truthful when advertising. You should advise purchasers that unlicensed motor scooters and mini motorcycles can only be used on private property. You must not overstate the power rating or performance capabilities of the vehicle. Breaching the advertising provisions of the *Fair Trading Act 2010* has penalties of up to \$220,000 for an individual and \$1.1million for a corporation.

## Safety

Retailers should advise purchasers that recreational vehicles, like motorcycles and mini scooters, are potentially dangerous. At all times riders should be wearing safety gear including helmets.

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