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Road safety advice about e-bikes and e-scooters for schools

E-bikes

E-bikes are growing in popularity. It's important for schools to be aware of the laws, rules and regulations around the use of these devices.

For advice for principals, refer to [Riding e-bikes and petrol powered bicycles to and from school](#).



An example of an e-bike.

E-scooters

Personal e-scooters remain **illegal** on NSW roads and road-related areas, including footpaths, shared paths and bicycle lanes. They can only be used on private property.

From July 2022, electric scooter shared schemes are being trialled in NSW. Riders in trial locations can hire and ride electric scooters (e-scooters).

For advice from Transport for NSW, refer to [E-scooters](#). For advice for principals, refer to [Riding e-scooters to and from school](#).

If you have students riding to and from school using personal e-scooters, petrol powered bicycles or e-bikes that don't comply with legislative standards, principals should:

- inform the student and their parents/carers that it is illegal to ride these bicycles outside private property
- not provide storage for these wheeled devices on school property.

Please share the [Transport for NSW Bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters brochure \(PDF 1.378 MB\)](#) with parents and carers.

Teaching and learning resources

Transport for NSW and the Road Safety Education team have developed the following resources to support teachers with implementing best practice road safety education, as part of PDHPE.

Early Stage 1 activity – Hold a grown-up's hand (PDF 177 KB)

This teaching and learning activity supports students' learning of the following key road safety messages:

- hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road
- hold a grown-up's hand when you're on the footpath
- hold a grown-up's hand when you're in a car park.

Early Stage 1 activity – Always wear a helmet (PDF 265 KB)

This teaching and learning activity supports student learning of the key road safety message, 'always wear a helmet when you ride or skate'.



Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate.

[Stage 2 activity – Safety on wheels \(PDF 883 KB\)](#)

This teaching and learning activity is designed to get students to think critically about safety on wheels.

[Stage 3 activity – Bus safety \(PDF 215 KB\)](#) This teaching and learning activity is designed to encourage students to think critically about safety whilst travelling on a bus.



Wait for the bus to go and then find a safe place to cross.

[Stage 3 unit of work – Travelling safely by bus \(PDF 3.9 MB\)](#)

This unit of work is designed to support students to identify behaviours they can adopt to keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school.

[Safety Town](#) road safety education for primary schools online resource developed by Transport for NSW

A suite of digital and non-digital teaching and learning activities to support the teaching of road safety from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The online resource includes interactive activities, comprehensive teaching notes, links to relevant transport information and updated information for families.



Safety Town online resource for primary schools.

Social media road safety posts

Need some help in posting through social media? We have done all the hard work for you to help remind parents/carers about the importance of safe road user behaviours in and around the school.

A bank of [social media road safety posts](#) has been designed to:

- assist schools to develop and implement effective family engagement strategies
- promote Transport for NSW key road safety messages
- promote positive road safety behaviours around schools.

There are 2 versions available to meet the different needs of metropolitan and regional/rural schools.



Back to School – please slow down to 40km/hr.

Professional learning

The Road Safety Education team facilitates [professional learning workshops](#) for primary schools, focussed on best practice road safety education as part of the PDHPE K–10 syllabus.

Teachers will receive:

- up-to-date advice and support from our Road Safety Education team
- the latest research about road safety education
- free, quality resources to support teaching and learning
- support for promoting road safety to parents and carers
- strategies on how to address road safety issues around their school.

Workshop spotlight

Road safety education: Safe Active Travel K–12

Walking, riding or scooting to and from school has many physical, social and mental health benefits for students and their families. It also assists with reducing the traffic congestion around schools.

This professional learning supports school leaders and teachers to adopt a whole school approach when embedding safe active travel initiatives into school routines.



Always hold a grown-up's hand when walking on the footpath.

At this full-day workshop, school leaders/teachers will:

- identify the challenges and opportunities for safe active travel at their school
- review and plan strategies to encourage safe active travel to and from school.

A follow-up meeting is held several weeks after the workshop to provide participants with additional support with developing/implementing their safe active travel initiative.

Further Information

Contact your local [Road Safety Education Officer](#) for further support for you and your school.



Meet the Road Safety Education Team

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