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**For Scooters,
Skateboards,
Skates
& Bicycles**

The following is a list of vehicle code sections pertaining to the operation of motorized scooters, non-motorized scooters, skateboards, skates and bicycles.



We hope that this list helps resolve any questions you may have regarding the legal requirements to operate motorized scooters, non-motorized scooters, skateboards, skates and bicycles.

VEHICLE CODE SECTION 407.5
Defines a "motorized scooter" as any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and is powered by an electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion. A device meeting this definition that is powered by a source other than electrical power (e.g., a gasoline-powered two-stroke engine) is also a motorized scooter.

A motorcycle, as defined in Section 400 VC, a motor-driven cycle, as defined in Section 405 VC, a motorized bicycle or moped, as defined in Section 406 VC, or a toy, as defined in Section 108550 of the Health and Safety Code, are not motorized scooters.



CVC 21223

A motorized scooter must have required lighting during darkness.

CVC 21229

A motorized scooter must be ridden in the bike lane.

CVC 21235

The operator of the motorized scooter shall not do any of the following:

- Operate without a brake.
- Operate on a highway with a speed limit in excess of 25 miles per hour unless in a bike lane.
- Operate without a helmet.
- Operate when under the age of 16.
- Operate with a passenger other than the operator.
- Operate while carrying packages that prevent at least one hand on the handlebars

CVC 21235

Operator may not attach the scooter or himself to another vehicle.

CVC 22411

May not ride over 15 miles per hour.