

## OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

To protect your property from theft and to help ensure its return if recovered, it is important to record the following information. Be sure to engrave a driver's license number into your scooter for additional identification and for ownership verification by police officers through DMV computers at any time. Engravers are available to borrow from the Milpitas P.D. Community Relations Unit. Please fill out this form and keep it in a safe place to be used if your scooter is stolen.

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial Number:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Engine Number (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number (or parent's)  
and locations engraved on scooter:  
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Chief Dennis Graham

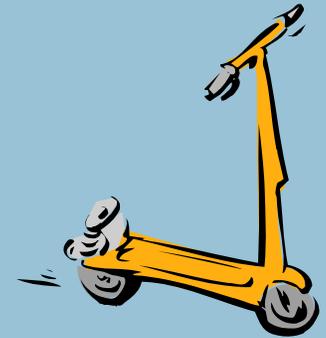
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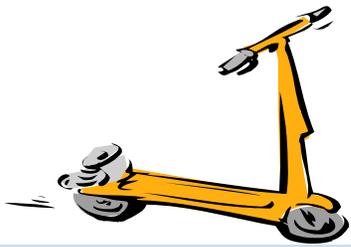
MOTORIZED SCOOTERS



DO YOU KNOW THE RULES



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**Motorized Scooter Defined:**

The California Vehicle Code 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 (407.5 CVC).

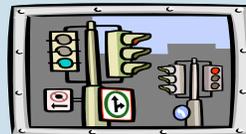
**Getting Started:**

A person operating a motorized scooter is not required to be licensed but **must be at least 16 years of age**. The operator is not subject to the provisions of the vehicle code relating to financial responsibility, registration, and license plate requirements. Every person operating a motorized scooter upon a highway has all the rights and is subject to all applicable rules of the road to ensure the safety of the operator and others.

**Wear Your  
Helmet**

**Requirements:**

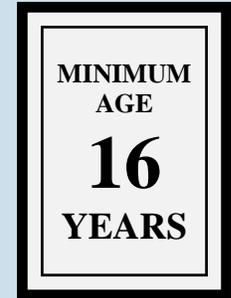
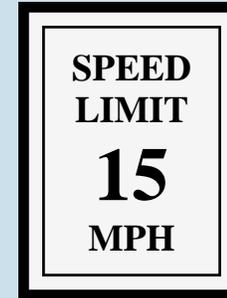
- Motorized scooter operators of any age must wear a properly fitted and fastened protective helmet. 21235(c)CVC
- Scooters must be equipped with a brake that will allow the operator to make a braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement. 21235(a)CVC
- Authorized lighting and reflectors are required if riding during darkness. 21223CVC
- Operators must ride scooters within marked bicycle lanes. 21229CVC If no marked bicycle lanes are available, riders must ride adjacent to the right hand curb or roadway edge. (Scooters may be operated adjacent to either curb or roadway edge on a one-way street.) 21228(a)CVC
- To make a turn across traffic lanes, motorized scooter operators are required to pull to the curb, dismount, and complete the turn by walking the scooter across the street. 21228(a)(2)CVC
- A motorized scooter rider must keep at least one hand upon the handlebar at all times. 21235(f)CVC The handlebar must be positioned at or below the rider's shoulder level. 21235(h)CVC



**Prohibited:**

- If the posted speed limit upon a roadway is greater than 25 MPH, a rider is prohibited from riding outside of a marked bicycle lane. 21235(b)CVC If the posted speed limit is greater than 25 MPH and no bicycle lanes are available, riding a motorized scooter is prohibited. 21235(b)CVC

- No person shall ride a motorized scooter at greater than **15 MPH.** 22411CVC



- Minors under the age of 16 years are prohibited from operating a motorized scooter. 21235(d)CVC
- Minors between 16 and 18 years are prohibited from riding a motorized scooter without a helmet. 21235(e)CVC
- No person shall operate a motorized scooter with additional passengers. 21235(e)CVC
- No person shall operate a motorized scooter upon a sidewalk, except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property. 21235(g)CVC
- Laying a motorized scooter upon its side upon a sidewalk, or blocking an adequate path for pedestrians upon a sidewalk is prohibited. 21235(i)CVC
- No person may ride without authorized lighting and reflectors during darkness. 21223CVC
- No person may ride a scooter while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. 21221.5CVC
- No motorized scooter or rider shall pull any other vehicle or be pulled by any other vehicle by any means upon the roadway. 21235(j)CVC
- Motorized scooters are prohibited on toll bridges and toll roads. 23330CVC