



Staying Safe on Your Mobility Scooter



## Mobility Scooter Classes Explained



### **CLASS 1**

Manual wheelchairs  
(No mechanical propulsion)



### **CLASS 2**

Maximum speed of 4mph. Designed  
for pavement use.



### **CLASS 3**

Maximum speed of 8mph. Road  
& pavement use.

# Before You Hit the Road



**1** Wear high-viz clothing

**2** Avoid loose garments

**3** Wear glasses if needed

**4** Fully charge your scooter battery

**5** Charge your mobile phone

**6** Plan a safe route

**7** Avoid busy roads and peak times

**8** Consider shopping during quieter periods



# Stay Safe! Quick Tips for Being A Responsible Driver



Never drive under the influence of intoxicating substances



Slow down when taking corners and in high traffic areas.



Insurance is not mandatory but is highly recommended



Don't give lifts to anyone, including pets or children.



Follow the "Look, Signal, Manoeuvre" protocol



Use dropped kerbs wherever possible.



Give way to vehicles when on the road, and pedestrians on pavements.



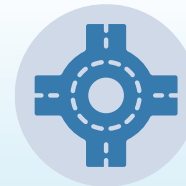
Avoid overloading your scooter and make sure bags are secure - do not hang bags over your handles!

# Watch Out! Common Mobility Scooter Hazards



## PEDESTRIANS

Be prepared for pedestrians to suddenly change directions, stop, even cut in front of you.



## VEHICLE PRIORITY

It's not always clear who has the right of way - and cars will not always follow these rules. Take your time until it is clearly safe to cross.



## TRAFFIC

Vehicles will often come from several different directions - try to use an island to check for traffic once again - don't forget your blind spot behind you.



## NEGOTIATING PEDESTRIAN AREAS

Be aware of multiple distractions, go slow and be aware of your surroundings. You may need to stop or swerve suddenly, so always be prepared to make quick decisions.



## VISIBILITY WHEN CROSSING

Parked cars can obstruct vision and prevent you from seeing if the road is clear to cross. You may need to ask a pedestrian to assist you or even find an alternative route.



## OTHER USERS

Remember that others might not know what to expect of mobility scooters. Make it easy for them by driving slowly, carefully and considerately.

# Mobility Scooter Insurance

## Do I Need Mobility Scooter Insurance?

Whilst it isn't a legal requirement, it is recommended by the Department for Transport.

## What Does Mobility Scooter Insurance Protect Me Against?

Insurance protects you against accidental damage, theft or loss, third-party liability and personal accidents. You can also add additional extras such as 24/7 breakdown recovery, key cover and puncture care.

## How Much Does It Cost?

Prices start from £38 per year or £3.80 a month.

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