

A Guide to Safer Moped Riding

With more Wellingtonians opting for cheaper modes of transport, mopeds are becoming an increasingly popular choice. It is important for mopeds and motorists alike to travel safely throughout the city, and follow the road rules and licensing requirements for their vehicle.

A moped is a motor vehicle on two or three wheels with a power output of no more than 2KW and a maximum speed of 50km/h.

You must:

- have a New Zealand driver licence. If you hold a learner car licence or learner motorcycle licence, you can not carry a passenger on your moped, and must display an L plate
- ride on the road. You can not ride on a footpath or cycle path, but you can ride in a bus lane unless there is a sign prohibiting this
- have your head lamps turned on during hours of darkness
- follow the road rules for motor vehicles
- wear a securely fastened and approved motorcycle helmet at all times
- use a clear hand or arm signal when you intend to turn if you do not have indicators.

Riding tips

- Position yourself on the road like a car and ride in the centre of the lane.
- Keep up with other motorists' speed. If you are holding up the traffic flow, move left to let the traffic past as soon as it is safe to do so.
- Obey the traffic laws. Travel in the same direction as other traffic and ride on the road at all times.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals, the same as everybody else. You must stop for all red lights and proceed through an intersection only when the light has turned green.
- Be considerate of other road users and watch for pedestrians, cyclists and hazards on the road.
- Ride within your own capability and confidence. Seek motorcycle training if you need assistance on your moped.
- For more information about moped laws and licensing, go to www.landtransport.govt.nz

Remember – Be safe and be seen