

Motorized Foot Scooter Resource Sheet

(RCW 46.04.336) “Motorized foot scooter” means a device with no more than two ten-inch or smaller diameter wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood upon by the operator, and is powered by an internal combustion engine or electric motor that is capable of propelling the device with or without human propulsion at a speed no more than twenty miles per hour on level ground.”

Example:



Use

- Cannot exceed 20 mph on level ground. ([RCW 46.04.336](#))
- Motorized foot scooters may not be operated at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise without reflectors. ([RCW 46.20.500](#))
- Cannot be ridden on sidewalks ([RCW 46.61.710](#))
- Cannot be operated on fully controlled limited access highway ([RCW 46.61.710](#))
- They may be operated most places bicycles are allowed such as multipurpose trails or bicycle lanes, provided “motorized vehicles” are not prohibited. ([RCW 46.61.710](#))
- A state agency or local government or municipalities may regulate the operation of an EPAMD and motorized foot scooter within the boundaries under their jurisdiction and control, including any area used for recreation, open space, habitat, trails, or conservation purposes. ([RCW 46.61.710](#))

Licensing

- No Drivers License needed ([RCW 46.20.500](#))
- Not licensable for street use ([RCW 46.04.320](#))

Equipment Requirements

- 2 wheels (10 in. diameter or smaller) ([RCW 46.04.336](#))
- Handlebars ([RCW 46.04.336](#))
- Electric or internal combustion engine ([RCW 46.04.336](#))
- Reflectors (if operated at any time from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise) ([RCW 46.20.500](#))
- Operators of a motorized foot scooter shall comply with all laws and regulations related to the use of bicycle helmets ([RCW 46.37.530](#))

Note: While we have tried to compile a complete listing of laws regarding this type of mobility device, additional requirements may apply. To read additional law requirements please visit the Washington State legislative Web site at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/>