



MOBILITY SCOOTERS & WHEEL CHAIRS FACTS AND SAFETY TIPS



FACTS

- Motorized mobility scooter and wheelchair users are considered pedestrians under the Motor Vehicle Act.
- Like pedestrians, Motorized mobility scooters and wheelchairs must use sidewalks when available. In the absence of a sidewalk, they must travel on the left side of the road or its shoulder, facing traffic.
- If the condition of a sidewalk is not suitable (snow/ice), the scooter/wheelchair can be operated on the road.

SAFETY TIPS

- When travelling on the roadway, travel on the left hand portion of the road, or its shoulder, facing traffic. Be mindful of vehicles coming towards you and stick as close to the edge of the roadway as possible.
- When possible cross at marked crosswalks or traffic lights.
- Don't enter the roadway from between parked cars.
- When crossing at a crosswalk or corner, make eye contact with drivers and wait for any approaching vehicles to come to a complete stop before you move onto the roadway.
- Increase your visibility. Wear a brightly coloured vest or light coloured clothes. Reflective strips or lights will also help. A flag will also make you more visible.
- Do not enter a crosswalk when you see the flashing "Do Not Walk" symbol. If you already started to cross, complete your crossing in safety.
- Be mindful of traffic turning into and leaving driveways or turning at intersections.
- Share the sidewalk respectfully with other pedestrians.
- Riding on the roadway, especially in high traffic areas (like Robert Angus Drive) should be avoided if possible. Consider alternate, less busy areas.
- Ensure your battery is fully charged for your trip. Amherst has several hills which can be challenging for scooters with a low battery. You do not want to lose battery power in the middle of your trip.
- Inform other mobility scooter users of the proper rules of the road.



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