



Do you know where or when you can ride your moped or scooter?

Motorized mopeds, scooters, motor driven cycles, and similar equipment are alternative transportation methods that are legally treated the same as other vehicles on the roadways. These vehicles also have age and equipment restrictions.

This brochure will provide you with the information you need about legal issues regarding ownership and operation of these vehicles.



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or
911—Emergency only

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Mopeds, Scooters, and Motor Driven Cycles

How does Virginia define mopeds and scooters?

Any vehicle with not more than three (3) wheels touching the ground that has a seat height of at least 24 inches, a gasoline/electric/hybrid engine that is less than 50 cubic centimeters, and travels at a speed of no more than 35 mph. (§46.2-100 – Code of Virginia)

PLEASE NOTE:

Any vehicle that travels more than 35 mph, no matter the size of engine, is considered a motorcycle and must comply with all laws related to a motorcycle (licensing, registration, inspection, insurance, etc.)

These vehicles, classified as a moped (scooters meeting the definition), are required to ride to the far right lane of the roadway. They cannot occupy the middle or left lanes of multi-lane roadways unless they are preparing to make a left turn. (§46.2-905 – Code of Virginia)



Do I have to wear a helmet or protective eyewear?

In Henrico, riders are required to wear both a DOT approved motorcycle helmet and eye protection. If the moped is equipped with a windscreen or windshield, then the rider is not required to wear eye protection, but it is encouraged. (§22-323 – Henrico County Ordinance)

Do I have to have a license to operate a moped on the roadway?

No, **with some exceptions**. As long as your moped maintains the requirements outlined in the definition, you do not need a license, **unless** your license is suspended/revoked for a DUI offense. If your license is suspended/revoked for a DUI offense, you are not allowed to operate any type of vehicle on a public roadway including mopeds, etc.

Do I have to have a state inspection or state license plates for my moped?

No. As long as your moped meets the requirements of a moped as defined above, you do not need to have it inspected or registered.

What other laws should I be aware of?

- You will need to make sure your moped has a working headlight and tail/brake lights. (§46.2-1015 – Code of Virginia)

The brakes on your moped must work. (§46.2-1066 – Code of Virginia)

- You must be at least 16 years of age to ride a moped on a public roadway. (§46.2-914 – Code of Virginia)
- You must carry identification that bears your name and date of birth. (§46.2-914 – Code of Virginia)
- You are **not** allowed to wear headphones, ear buds, etc. while operating on the public roadway. (§46.2-1078 – Code of Virginia)



How does Virginia define “motor driven” cycles?

A motor driven cycle is a vehicle that has a seat

height less than 24 inches and an engine that displaces less than 150 cubic centimeters. (§46.2-100 – Code of Virginia)

Can I ride a “motor driven” cycle on the roadway?

No. They are not allowed on the roadway whatsoever. (§46.2-911.1 – Code of Virginia)