Electric Scooter (e-scooter) Riders Training and Qualifications

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When riding electric scooters (e-scooters), you have a role to help develop a safer and more gracious sharing culture in Dubai. There are rules in place on how and where you should ride e-scooters



Lesson 1:
E-Scooters Specifications

- Only use e-scooters that comply with the specifications and standards approved by the RTA
- Refer to the RTA website (www.rta.ae) for the required specification and standards



E-Scooters Specifications



The electric scooter must conform to the specifications specified by the authority

The electric scooter must be manufactured to withstand the climatic conditions of the country

Check that the bell/horn is working

Front and back lamp

The maximum speed of the electric scooter is to be set at 20 km/h

Tires in good condition

Brakes on the front and rear wheels

Lesson 2:
Electric Scooter Users Obligations



1. You must be 16 years or older
2. Wear a helmet, reflective jacket, and appropriate shoes.
3. Do not use mobile or headphones
4. Abide by all instructions, guiding and warning signs
5. Comply with all traffic rules e.g. stop, give way signs, traffic light signals, and road markings
6. Park at the designated places
7. Dismount when using pedestrian crossings
8. Do not take passengers, you must ride alone
9. You must not carry anything that may cause imbalance in the proper handling of the device

Lesson 3:
Areas where E-Scooters are allowed

Do not ride on paths other than those in the permitted districts and areas



You can only ride electric scooters on bicycle paths specified by the Authority



It is not permitted to ride the e-scooter on any roads at all, except on safe streets specified by the RTA. These are roads which are marked by clear red lines at the beginning of the road, signs and ground markings, and a road speed limit of 30 km/h.

Please refer to the RTA website to see where these permitted districts and areas are located.



Permitted areas and routes to use an electric scooter



Lesson 4:
Traffic signs and Road Marking



Signs	Means
	No Electric Scooter and Cyclists.
	No Electric Scooter, No Cyclist.
	Dismount and Push
	Red Carpet: Beginning and End of the Safe Streets
	Shared scooter and bicycle path

Signs	Means
	Electric Scooters and Bicycle path.
	Maximum speed limit – 30
	Beginning of Neighborhood Sign
	Electric Scooters and Cyclists Track,
	Shared E-Scooter, Bicycle and Car.
	Pedestrian, Electric Scooters and Cyclists – Segregated Track

Lesson 5:
Before setting off, check your device



Ensure that you have sufficient battery power for the journey



Check that the front and rear lights are working



Check that the bell/horn is working



Check that the wheels are not damaged and that they are in good working condition

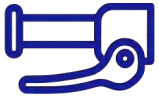


Apply the front and rear brake levers to check their effectiveness

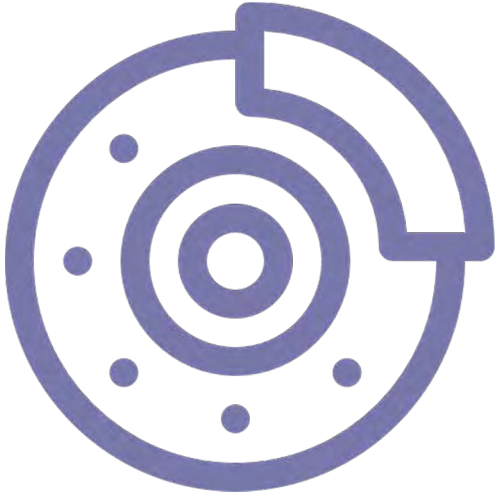


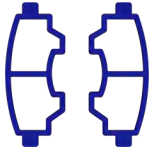
Adjust the height of the handlebar to a suitable position so that you have full control of the device

Know your brakes



Know your brakes. Some e-scooters have powerful front brakes, while in others they are in the rear





Practice a few short runs in a safe area to understand the effectiveness of your brakes



Gently apply the brakes to prevent locking the wheels which can cause wheel skids and loss of control



It is important to know how long it takes the e-scooter to come to a complete stop



Lesson 6:
While riding an electric scooter

Start of the Trip

When riding for the first time, try to use the electric scooter in a quiet and unobstructed place

9 rules before scooting

1. Check surroundings and make sure that all is clear
2. Start with one foot on the e-scooter and the other on the ground
3. Use one leg to push off and slowly push down the accelerator and feel the motor kick-in
4. Use a soft touch in the beginning until you get used to the power
5. Relax with your shoulders and keep a light grip on the handlebar
6. When riding for the first time, find a quiet open space with no obstructions
7. Locate and familiarize yourself with all the controls on the device
8. Do not look down as you need to be aware of your surroundings
9. Always look ahead in the direction you want to go



Lesson 6:
While riding an electric scooter

While riding on the track and road

Always anticipate risks and be prepared to stop when necessary

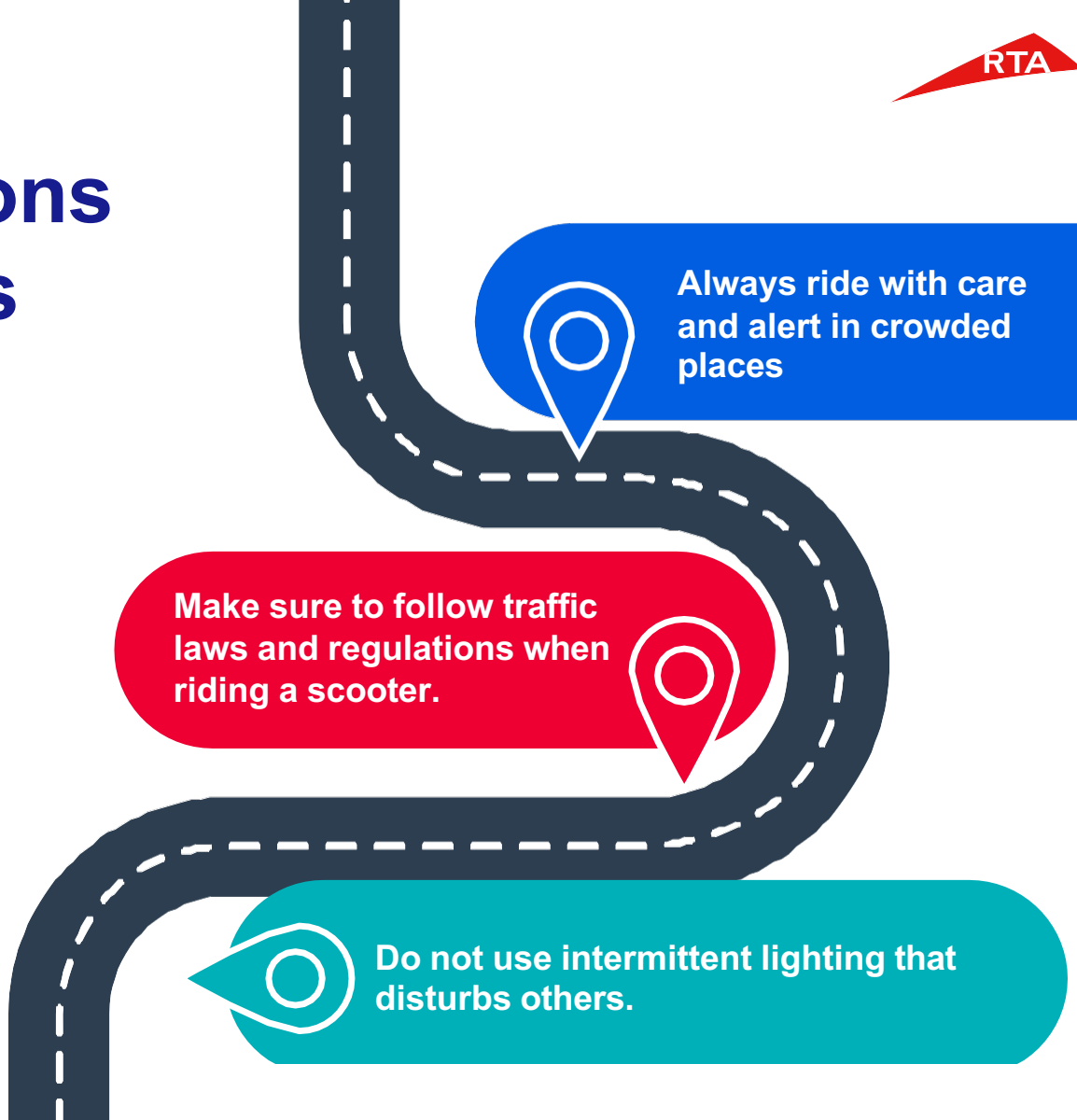
9 rules for riding a scooter safely

1. Always give way, and keep a safe distance between you and other road users.
2. Get off the scooter in crowded areas and where you see the "No riding" sign.
3. Check your speed and ride slowly where there are other users on the route.
4. Make sure to put on your turning signal before changing lanes and making a turn.
5. Reduce your speed before turning. Look ahead and into corners and turns, and gradually increase the speed after completing the turn
6. Before entering the road safely, stop and check for traffic coming from behind.
7. ride on the right side of the track, except when overtaking.
8. Take care of pedestrians around you, especially children, and keep enough distance between you and them.
9. Slow down to match the surrounding conditions.

Traffic instructions and prohibitions



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It is forbidden to ride against the direction of traffic



Don’t carry anything that causes the scooter to become unbalanced



Don’t carry any passenger on the electric scooter



You can view the table of violations on the RTA official website

Traffic instructions and prohibitions

Electric scooters must be disembarked while crossing pedestrian crossings



The scooter may not be parked in places other than those designated for it, or in a way that would impede the movement of vehicles or pedestrians



It is not allowed to use electric scooters that do not meet the technical requirements specified by the Authority



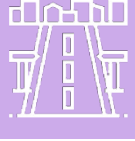
The instructions specified in the road signs and tracks must be adhered to



Towing the electric scooter in any vehicle, or towing any objects in it is prohibited



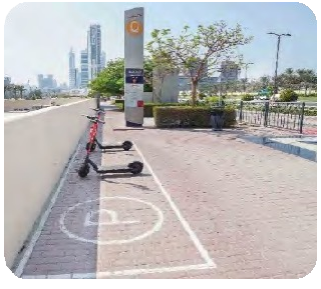
It is forbidden to use the left side of the road when riding on safe streets, or not making sure that the road is clear when changing lanes



Lesson 7:
Trip end



Dedicated parking spaces are available to end the trip, avoid leaving the electric scooter at random in public places



For Shared scooters
The trip must end in the designated white parking spaces only



For personal electric scooters
You can park your personal electric scooter in the bicycle parking if available



You can also carry **foldable electric scooters** on buses or Metro

Lesson 8:
In emergency cases



Any accident must be reported directly, if it occurs, by notifying **the police, ambulance or the authority** , for any accident caused or exposed to the scooter rider, resulting in injuries or material damage.



Know the emergency numbers in Dubai:
Police: **999**
Ambulance: **998**



RTA Contact Center:
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