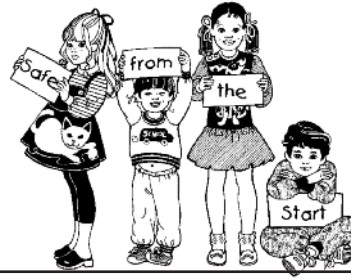


## Motorized Scooters in Grand Forks

Motorized scooters for adults and children have become very popular over the last several years. It's important to understand the laws considering such vehicles.

- According to Grand Forks City Code, motorized scooters are considered "motorized bicycles".
- Motorized bicycles cannot be used on sidewalks or bike paths within city limits.
- All drivers of motorized bicycles must have a valid driver's license.
- All motorized bicycles must have a seat and the driver must use it.

What does this mean? It's actually against City Code for children to ride motorized scooters in the city of Grand Forks. Contact the Grand Forks Police Department for more information.



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Bicycling continues to be a very popular activity in our region for children and adults. Additionally, inline skating, skateboarding and scootering continue to grow in popularity.

While all these activities provide a great way to exercise, wheeled sports are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the automobile.

## Did You Know?

Here are some injury statistics concerning wheeled sports activities:

- Head-injury is the leading cause of wheeled sports-related death and the most important determinant of permanent disability after a crash.
- Among children ages 14 and under, males account for more than 70 percent of bicycle-related nonfatal injuries.
- Among children, boys ages 10 through 14 have the highest rate of bicycle-related injury.

- Almost half of bicycle crashes occur in driveways or on sidewalks.
- Approximately 60 percent of deaths among children (15 and under) occur at non-intersection locations.

## Steps to Safety:

- A helmet is a necessity, not an accessory. They have been proven to decrease the risk of a brain injury significantly. Wearing a helmet for wheeled sports is the single most effective way to prevent serious injury or death. Get one that fits and wear it on every ride.
- Wear wrist guards, knee and elbow pads for inline skating, skateboarding and when you scooter.
- Adults should also wear helmets and other protective equipment. It sets a good example and also provides needed protection. A child who rides with companions or adults wearing helmets is more likely to wear a helmet himself.
- Learn the rules of the road and obey all traffic laws. This is important whether riding a bicycle, scooter, skateboard or inline skates.
- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, not against it. Stay as far to the right as possible.
- Use appropriate hand signals.

- Stop and look left, right and left again before entering a street or crossing an intersection. Look back and yield to traffic coming from behind before turning left.
- Consider using bike paths and sidewalks rather than roadways. This is especially encouraged for children under age 10. The bike map for Grand Forks can be accessed through the website: [www.theforksmmpo.org](http://www.theforksmmpo.org).
- Ensure that the bike your child rides is the appropriate size, not one they will grow in to. When sitting on the seat, the child's feet should touch the ground.
- Make sure bikes have reflectors and if riding at night, a head lamp.

