

# How and where are children and youth getting injured on e-scooters?

In 2021, the Government of British Columbia (BC) created a pilot program to introduce e-scooters in select municipalities. As e-scooter injuries have grown in popularity, questions have come up around safety of these micromobility devices.

We looked at visits to BC Children's Hospital's Emergency Department for e-scooter injuries over a one-year period (April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026). Visits were for children and youth 17 years of age and under.

## Remember!

Children under 16-years-old are **NOT** allowed to operate or ride on an e-scooter.

You don't need a licence to ride an e-scooter, but there are some restrictions on who can ride and where. Some municipalities have added their own rules to the BC regulations.

E-scooter related visits to BC Children's Hospital increased from **37 to 81 visits** in a one-year period.\*

Of those 81 visits:

 **Boys** were more likely to sustain injuries

 **54%** of visits were among youth **13 to 15-years-old**

\*Data from 2024/2025 to 2025/2026

**82%** of injuries were the result of a fall, located on a:

- Road
- Sidewalk or path
- Bike path/lane, or parking lot

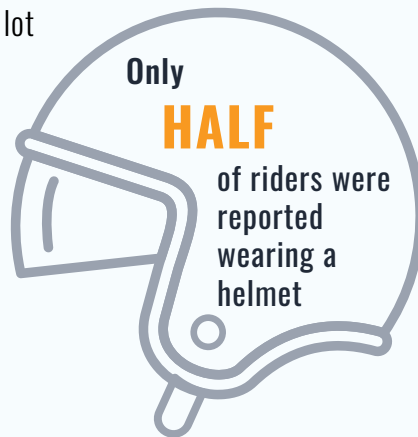
**59%** were travelling over the maximum speed limit of



Most incidents occurred in **June & July**, in the afternoon and evening

Only **HALF**

of riders were reported wearing a helmet



Injuries occurred to the upper extremities, including:

Fractures **35%**

Bruises and abrasions **26%**

Signs of concussion or head injury **17%**



For 16+ year-olds, remember:

- Wear a helmet
- Practice riding on smaller streets before trying busy roads
- Know your hand signals and obey traffic rules
- No doubling – one rider at a time
- Stay off the sidewalk
- Ride only up to 25 km/h — even if your scooter can go faster
- Ride sober and without distraction
- Maintain your scooter — inspect before riding and replace parts like brakes and lights regularly

Learn more about e-scooter safety at:

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