

Motorized mobility aids (MMA)

Use of an electric wheelchair, three-wheel mobility scooter or four-wheel mobility scooter on public roads



Electric wheelchair



Three-wheel mobility scooter



Four-wheel mobility scooter



What is a motorized mobility aid (MMA)?

An MMA is:

- » an electric wheelchair, or
- » a three-wheel or four-wheel mobility scooter designed to make up for an inability to walk that has the following features:
 - › is designed for only 1 person,
 - › is equipped with a seat that cannot be straddled and a backrest,
 - › is equipped with a footrest and armrests,
 - › is not equipped with pedals, and
 - › has a maximum width of 75 cm (29.5 in), including equipment (e.g. mirrors).

ATTENTION!

Not all models sold on the market comply with the ministère des Transports's definition of an MMA.

A vehicle is not considered an MMA if:

- » it is equipped with a closed cabin or sides,
- » it has been altered to comply with the définition of an MMA.



Traffic rules

On sidewalks:

- » Maximum speed of 10 km/h
 - › Important: electric wheelchairs, as well as three-wheel or four-wheel mobility scooters equipped with a brake that is activated automatically when the accelerator is released, are the only MMAs that can be used on a sidewalk.

On cycle lanes:

- » Maximum speed of 32 km/h
- » In the same direction as bicycle traffic

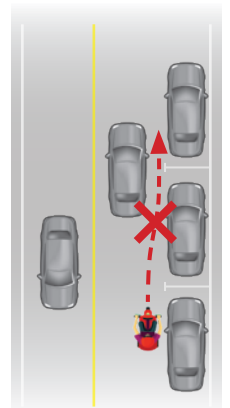
On roadways and shoulders:

- » Maximum speed of 32 km/h
- » In the same direction as traffic

- » As close as possible to the right side of the roadway
- » Additional rules apply when the speed limit is over 50 km/h. In such a case, MMA users must:
 - › travel on a sidewalk, in a cycle lane or on the shoulder when accessible and safe,
 - › if this is not possible, travel on the roadway, only over a short distance or to go to a location that would not be accessible otherwise,
 - › equip the MMA with a triangular orange flag, and
 - › turn on the three-wheel or four-wheel mobility scooter's lights and headlights at all times.

MMA users are not allowed to travel:

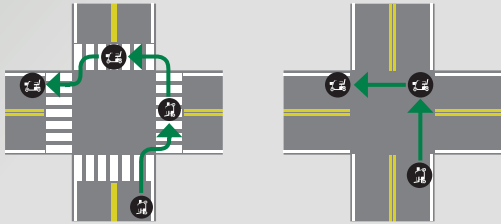
- » on freeways and access roads,
- » between two vehicles moving in contiguous lanes,
- » between a vehicle travelling in the same lane and a vehicle parked to the right or left of that lane.



MMAs may not be accepted in public transit vehicles such as buses due to their size.

Other important rules to follow

- » With certain exceptions, MMA users must follow the rules applicable to:
 - › pedestrians when travelling on a sidewalk and
 - › cyclists when travelling on a cycle lane or a road.
- » To turn left, cross the road perpendicular to its axis (L shape).



- » Do not carry passengers, except for a child under 5 years of age protected with a restraint system.
- » Do not tow a trailer or any other object.
- » Do not drink alcoholic beverages or consume drugs when using an MMA.*
- » Do not drive impaired.**
- » Do not use a cellular telephone or any other portable device with similar functions.*
- » Do not wear headphones.*

* These rules do not apply to electric wheelchair users as they are considered as pedestrians.

Certain exceptions may apply for three-wheel or four-wheel mobility scooter users.

Consult the complete traffic rules for more information.

** Application of the Criminal Code of Canada.

All traffic rules and other information

This leaflet includes only part of the rules on MMA use.

To know all the rules regulating the use of MMAs and download the Guide to the Use of Motorized Mobility Aids, visit the following page

Quebec.ca/MotorizedMobilityAids.

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