

What is a Personal Electric Vehicle (PEV)?

A Personal Electric Vehicle (PEV) is a small electric-powered vehicle used for personal transportation. Examples include electric kick-scooters (e-scooters), electric skateboards, electric unicycles, and similar devices.

Why are rules being introduced for PEVs?

PEVs are becoming more common in Manitoba. The new rules will help keep riders and others safe by making it clear where PEVs can be used and what rules riders must follow.

How old do I have to be to ride a PEV?

You must be at least 16 years old to ride most PEVs, such as an e-scooter.

Do I have to wear a helmet?

Yes. Everyone riding all PEVs must wear a helmet.

Do I need a driver's licence?

No. You do not need a driver's licence to ride a PEV.

Do I need registration, a licence plate, or insurance?

No. PEVs do not need registration, licence plates, or insurance. Like bicycles and e-bikes, they can be used without these requirements.

Where can I ride a PEV?

PEVs can generally be ridden in places where bicycles are allowed, unless local signs or rules say otherwise. PEVs, except for e-bikes, can only be ridden on roads with speed limits of 50 km/h or less and shared paths.

Can I ride on the sidewalk?

Usually not. PEVs are not allowed on sidewalks unless signs specifically allow them. Some municipalities may allow them in certain areas.

How fast can I ride?

The maximum speed for a PEV is 25 km/h.

Can I carry passengers?

Only if the PEV is designed to carry more than one person. Most PEVs, such as e-scooters and electric skateboards, are made for one rider.

What rules do PEV users need to follow?

PEV riders must follow the same basic rules of the road as other road users. This means obeying traffic signs and signals, riding safely, and never riding after using alcohol or drugs. Riders must also wear a helmet, avoid texting while riding, and follow the 25 km/h speed limit.

Are PEV riders allowed to use cell phones while riding?

No. PEV riders are not allowed to use a hand-held electronic device while riding on the road, including texting, emailing, or using a phone without a hands-free feature.

Can I ride a PEV at night?

Yes. If you ride at night, your PEV must have the required lights and reflectors so others can see you.

Can I ride beside another PEV rider?

No. Riders must travel in single file unless you need to pass another rider and it is safe to do so.

What about electric ride-on toys for children?

The new rules are not meant for children's electric ride-on toys or other low-powered toys designed for young children.

Who enforces the rules?

Police and other peace officers can stop PEV riders and enforce the rules.

Can police inspect my PEV?

Yes. Police and peace officers can stop and inspect a PEV and its safety equipment to make sure it meets the rules.

Will there be fines for breaking the rules?

The province is developing fines for the new PEV rules.

Can municipalities make their own rules?

Yes. Municipalities may have additional rules about where PEVs can be used.

When will the new rules take effect?

The new rules will take effect in 2027.