Streets and roadways are not playgrounds!

PLAYING IN THE STREET IS ILLEGAL!

If you play in the street, you could be fined.





If recreational equipment owned by you is placed on or near the street and a person is injured in connection with this equipment, you could be held civilly liable!



So, play it safe and **DO NOT** play in the street or on the roadways!



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Playing in the Street

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOPEDS, MOPEDS. SCOOTERS, BIKES, SKATEBOARDS AND OTHER **PLAY EQUIPMENT**



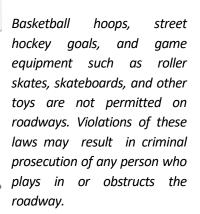
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What do Virginia laws or codes say?



Some Important Traffic Safety Facts

Be aware of the dangers associated with playing in the street. In 2019 Henrico County reported:

- 20 crashes involving pedal-cyclists. Two fatalities and an additional 23 were injured.
- 85 crashes involving pedestrians with 10 fatalities and 94 injuries.
- Using bike helmets is the single most effective measure anyone can take to reduce head injuries and fatalities resulting from bicycle crashes.

*Source: DMV-Treds

What about motorized scooters, gopeds, and mopeds?

Motorized scooters, gopeds and mopeds are classified in the same category according to Virginia State Code. Therefore, they are allowed on the public roadway, and the following laws apply.



AMONG OTHER THINGS, OPERATORS MUST ...

- Be 16 years of age or older.
- · Not ride on a sidewalk.
- Wear a helmet that is approved by the Dept. of Transportation.
- Wear either eye protection or have a windshield that is approved by the state superintendent (VA State Police Chief.)
- Have a white light mounted to the front.
- Have a red light or red reflector mounted to the rear visible in clear weather from a distance of not less than 500 feet when operated after sunset.
- Not operate a moped, goped, or motorized scooter while intoxicated.
- Have properly functioning brakes when operated on the highways.
- Obey road signs and traffic lights and follow the rules of the road.

Play it safe!

- Parents should educate their children about recreational safety and correct any hazardous behavior.
- Youths should play in designated playgrounds, parks, or private yards.
- When using recreational equipment, read and follow manufacturer's recommendations for use.
- Do not disable safety features.
 Lights, reflectors and other safety features are there to protect the user.
- Use equipment that is age appropriate and "fits" the operator.
- Use protective gear always!

Protective helmets, eyewear, knee and elbow pads, and gloves are often recommended when using recreational equipment that has wheels.



