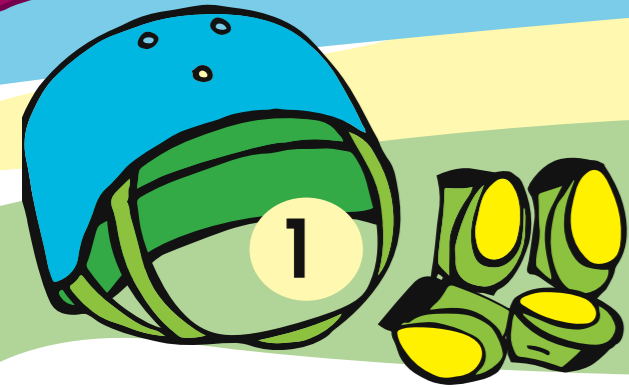


Scooter top tips for parents



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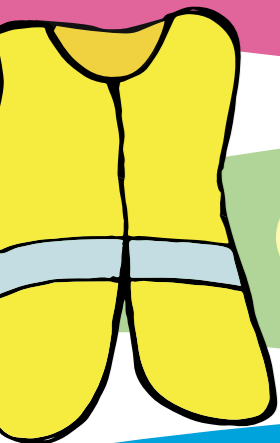
Always make sure that your child is wearing a helmet and any additional required safety equipment to keep them safe e.g. Knee pads, arms pads and wrist supports

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Make sure your child's scooter is in good working condition before allowing your child to use their scooter. The following should be checked; ensure the steering works correctly and smoothly; the wheels are stable and finally ensure that the scooter brake works efficiently.

3

Ensure your child knows how to use the scooter correctly. For example ensure they can both locate and use the brake, and steer the scooter effectively and safely.



4

Ensure your child can be seen by both pedestrians and drivers when out using their scooter in dark evenings and poor weather conditions, by wearing a reflective / high visibility jacket or sash.

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It is important that you supervise your child, especially if they are young or have limited or no knowledge of basic road safety and the Highway Code.

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Remind your child to be aware of pedestrians and vehicles. Explain that cars and pedestrians may exit from driveways into the path of them and their scooter – their awareness is essential at all times.

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If using a scooter on the pavement, ensure the child dismounts at kerbs, stops, looks and listens then wheels the scooter across the road when it is safe to do so.

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Explain the dangers of using scooters on car parks.

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Explain the dangers of using a scooter whilst using media devices such as phones and headphones.

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Try to ensure scooters are used by your child in the safest environments possible e.g. local park.

