Scooter top tips for parents

1. 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.

2. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Explain the dangers of using scooters on car parks.

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

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

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