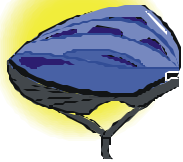


Delaware Law Prohibits the Operation of Motorized Scooters on Public Roadways and Sidewalks.

Motorized Skateboards and Scooters are designed to travel on at least two wheels with the deck chassis of such device open and close to the ground and is powered by a motor that is capable of propelling the device without human propulsion.

Delaware law prohibits the operation of such devices on public roadways, sidewalks and right of ways and requires that bicycle type helmets be worn by riders under the age of 16 on private property.



The standard of a helmet must meet or exceed the standard of the American National Standards Institute or the Snell Memorial Foundations 1984 standard.

(ANSI Z90.4 bicycle helmet standard)

Safety Tips

When operating a motorized Skateboard or Scooter in accordance with Delaware Law always:

- Always wear bright colors so that you can be more visible.
- The skateboard or scooter should be inspected and serviced at regular intervals by a trained professional to ensure that is safe to operate.
- Operate it in a prudent manner and at a safe rate of speed. Be aware of the conditions and the potentials for an existing hazardous situation.
- Always wear protective gear such as helmets and knee pads.
- Learn the “Rules of the Road.” Skateboards and scooters are considered vehicles and operators must obey the same traffic laws as motorists.

Excellence in Policing

Delaware Laws

1. **Motorized skateboards or scooters shall not be operated upon public highways, streets, sidewalks, or ride-of-way thereof located within the state of Delaware.** A person who violates this subsection shall be subject for the 1st offense not less than \$25 nor more than \$115 and for the second and subsequent offense not less than \$57.50 nor more than \$230.
Violation of Delaware Code Title 21 Section 4198(a)
2. A person shall not operate a motorized skateboard or scooter upon any property in either public or private property without the express permission of the owner or the person in control of the property or knowingly in violation of any restrictions imposed on such use by the person in control of the property. A person who violates this subsection shall be subject for the 1st offense not less than \$25 nor more than \$115 and for the second and subsequent offense not less than \$57.50 nor more than \$230.
Violation of Delaware Code Title 21 Section 4198(b)
3. Careless operation or excessive rate of speed: A person shall not operate a motorized skateboard or scooter in a careless or imprudent manner or at a rate of speed greater is reasonable or prudent under the conditions or without having regard to actual and potential hazards the existing.
4. The operator of the motorized skateboard or scooter shall be held liable for any damage to property of another person. However, if the operator is a minor, the parents or legal guardian of the operator shall be held personally liable for any and all damage and/or injuries , including civil or criminal liability, caused by the minor in the operation of the motorized skateboard or scooter.
Violation of Delaware Code Title 21 Section 4198(e)(2)
5. A person less than 12 years of age may only operate a motorized skateboard or scooter under the direct supervision of a person that is at least 18 years of age or if the person is on land owned by or under the control of the person’s parent or legal guardian.
Violation of Delaware Code Title 21 Section 4198(g)

Programs Offered by the New Castle County Police

The following programs are offered to community, church, and other civic organizations free of charge.

- AT BAT
- Block Watch
- Bicycle Safety
- Building Tours
- Business Security
- Community/Civic Meetings
- Community Watch
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Explorers Post (905)
- Halloween Safety
- Heroin Alert
- Home Security
- Child Identification & DNA Kid
- Officer Friendly
- Police Athletic League
- Identity Theft
- School Safety
- Senior Safety/Senior Rollcall
- Student Watch
- Work Place Safety
- Youth and the Law

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The Philosophy of The New Castle County Police

The Philosophy of the New Castle County Police calls for a joint effort of cooperation and understanding between the citizens of New Castle County and the Police. The cornerstone of this undertaking between the police and community is mutual respect and trust.

Every effort must be made, and no opportunity overlooked, to fortify this police-community bond. Each officer will strive to ensure that all citizens view the New Castle County Police Department as an essential part of the community, and not as an organization outside or estranged from it.

A good relationship with the community is the sum total of positive interaction between police officers in the performance of their duties and individual members of the community. A citizen's perception of the Department is largely impacted, if not completely determined, by the attitudes and performances of our officers.

The fundamental philosophy of the Department, therefore, is to incorporate and maintain a community-oriented police department which is dedicated to improve the quality of life for the citizens of New Castle County.

Colonel David F. McAllister
Chief of Police



Department of Police

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