



# Motorized Mobility Aids (MMAs)

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## What Is an MMA?

An MMA is an apparatus that:

- is motorized, designed to make up for an inability to walk (limited engine power);
- is designed for a seated person;
- is equipped with 3 or 4 wheels whose diameter is at least 20 cm;
- has a maximum width of 67.5 cm, a maximum length of 150 cm and a maximum weight of 150 kg.

Three-wheel and four-wheel mobility scooters, as well as powered wheelchairs, are considered MMAs.

## Why a Pilot Project?

The use of MMAs is not currently regulated by the *Highway Safety Code* (HSC).

Certain MMA users may encounter difficulties in their daily travels because of inadequate or unsafe infrastructures.

The purpose of the pilot project is to:

- test the use of MMAs on sidewalks, bikeways and certain public roads;
- provide MMA users with a wider range of routes;
- ensure a safe coexistence between all road users;
- assess the applicability and acceptability of certain measures to provide a framework for the use of MMAs.

# Traffic Rules

## MMA's are authorized on:

- ✓ sidewalks and bikeways.
  - MMA users must make sure not to compromise the safety of other users.
- ✓ the extreme right-hand side of the roadway where:
  - there is only one lane in each direction;
  - the speed limit is 50 km/h or less.
- ✓ the shoulder of a road where the speed limit is greater than 50 km/h.

The shoulder must be safe and at least one metre wide; its surface must be plane and obstacle-free.

**On roadways or on bikeways, MMA users must always travel in the same direction as traffic.**

## MMA's are prohibited on:

- ✗ roads with limited access, such as highways and access ramps;
- ✗ roadways where the speed limit is greater than 50 km/h;
- ✗ roadways with more than one lane in each direction (excluding left-turn lanes in both directions).

## Other traffic rules:

- ✓ When travelling on the roadway, MMA users must yield the right of way to pedestrians and other MMA users who are about to cross the roadway at a pedestrian crosswalk.
- ✓ To make a left turn, MMA users must comply with the rules applicable to pedestrians.

# Mandatory Equipment

- ✓ Every MMA must be equipped with reflectors on the four sides of the apparatus (white in front and red in the rear).
- ✓ When used at night, three- and four-wheel mobility scooters must be equipped with a white headlight and a red tail-light.
- ✓ When travelling on a road where the maximum authorized speed limit is at least 70 km/h, any MMA must be equipped with a triangular orange flag at least 300 cm<sup>2</sup> in size, at a minimum distance of 150 cm from the ground.
- ✗ MMA users are not allowed to carry any passenger, except children under 5 years of age protected by a child-restraint device.

# Offences

- Any MMA user who does not comply with these rules is liable to a fine.

To obtain more information on the pilot project or to download the electronic version of this information sheet, consult the website of the ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports at [www.transports.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.transports.gouv.qc.ca).

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