

Traffic regulations for personal mobility vehicles in the city of Barcelona

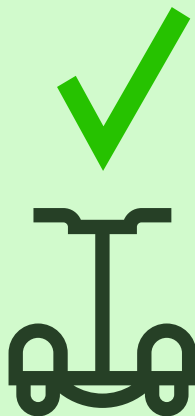
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In 2017, Barcelona developed an **unprecedented by-law to regulate personal mobility vehicles (PMVs) and cycles with more than two wheels** in an effort to solve the problems that arise from sharing public spaces. It was also designed to foster safe, sustainable mobility, given the growing presence of this new form of mobility, which has been taking up more and more space.

In November 2020, a Royal Decree regulated the technical requirements and conditions for personal mobility vehicles, which became formally defined as vehicles and, consequently, were **prohibited from circulating on pavements and in pedestrianised areas**.

This new regulation came into force on 2 January 2021.





What are personal mobility vehicles?



- They are vehicles **with one wheel or more** for **one person** driven exclusively by **electric motors** that can achieve a maximum speed of between **6 and 25 km/h**.

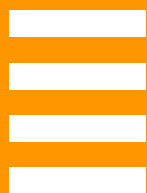


- They can only have **a seat or a saddle** if they are equipped with a **self-balancing system**.





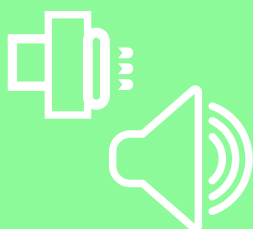
- Personal mobility vehicles must **be driven with great care and diligence** in order **to avoid damage** to the rider or to others. **Riders of these vehicles must not be put in danger**, nor must they put other road users in danger.



- **Traffic regulations, road signage, traffic lights and pedestrian crossings must be obeyed.**



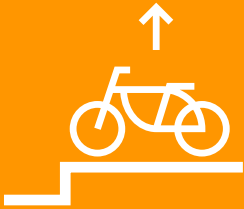
- Personal mobility vehicles may **not exceed 25 km/h** under any circumstances.



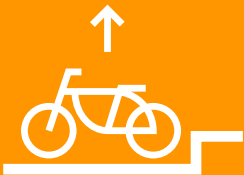
- They must be equipped with **reflective elements, lights and bells** for greater visibility on the road.



Where can they be ridden?



- **Cycle lanes on the pavement**, at a maximum speed of **10 km/h**.



- **Cycle lanes on the road**, at a maximum speed of **25 km/h**, with an obligation to slow down at pedestrian crossings.



- **Curbless streets** where **vehicle access and traffic are allowed**.



- **On 30 km/h roads**, at a maximum speed of **25 km/h**.



- **Parks**, at a maximum speed of **10 km/h** and with respect for pedestrians' right of way.



In shared spaces, it is crucial to respect pedestrians' right of way, to slow down when near them and not to make any manoeuvre that might put their safety at risk.

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Where can they NOT be ridden?



- On **pavements or in other pedestrianised areas**, such as curbside streets where vehicle traffic is forbidden,



- On **roads in the city's basic network**.



- In **urban tunnels and on through roads, interurban roads, dual carriageways and motorways** that pass through the city.



Minimum age



- The minimum age to ride a personal mobility vehicle is 16.



- Under-16s may use them away from the roads, in spaces closed to traffic, and under the responsibility of parents or guardians, provided the vehicle is suitable for their age, height and weight.





Penalty system

Fines of:

- up to **€100** for minor infringements
- up to **€200** for serious infringements
- up to **€500** for very serious infringements