

Keeping Kids Safe on Scooters

Scooters are becoming more and more popular in York Region and the number of related injuries is also on the rise!

Injuries associated with scooters are most common among 8 to 13 year-old children.



Most injuries occurred when riders lost control of their scooters and fell. Scooters are less stable than bicycles and more difficult to control. The most common injury is fractures.

Many of these injuries can be prevented!

How? Keeping your child safe involves having them wear the right protective gear. This includes a helmet, elbow pads and kneepads to prevent injuries.

Children under the age of eight should use the scooter only with close adult supervision. They have poorer motor skills as they lack the ability to ride them properly.

Canadians should also be aware that Transport Canada considers MOTORIZED scooters restricted-use motorcycles. Under the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations, they must bear a label indicating that the vehicle is not intended for use on public roads.

How to Help Keep Your Child Safe

- ❖ Check all fasteners (i.e. nuts and bolts) for tightness.
- ❖ Make sure both the handlebars and steering column are fully locked into position.
- ❖ Ride on smooth paved surfaces and away from motor vehicle traffic.
- ❖ Avoid streets and surfaces with water, sand, gravel or dirt.
- ❖ Do not ride scooters at night.
- ❖ Be careful when riding the scooter downhill. When approaching a steep hill, step off the scooter and walk it to the bottom.
- ❖ Watch for cars, pedestrians and cyclists.

**For more information on scooter safety please call Health Connection at
1-800-361-5653**

