



# Changing the law about mobility scooters, wheelchairs and other things disabled people use to get around

## Tell us what you think



# About this easy read



This is the easy read of a bigger report by the UK Government.

It is about changing the law about mobility scooters and wheelchairs.



The easy read booklet tells you about some of the things in the bigger report.



This easy read is still quite long.  
You do not have to read it all at once.

You can take a break, or just read the pages you are interested in.



You could ask someone to help you read it, if you need to.

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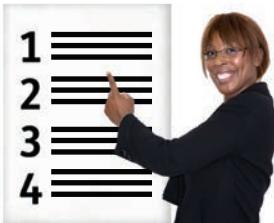
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# Changing the law



This booklet is about changes we might make to the **law** in England, Scotland and Wales.



**Laws** are rules that everyone in a country must follow.



The law we want to change is about mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

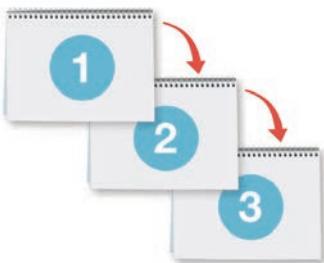


We will also look at other things that might help disabled people to get around.



Things like e-bikes and e-scooters. They have a battery in them. They can go very fast.

# What the law says



The law puts mobility scooters and wheelchairs into 3 groups called **classes**. Each class has different rules.



## Class 1

This is a wheelchair that is pushed by hand.



You can use this wheelchair on pavements. Or on the road when there is no pavement.



## Class 2

This is a wheelchair or mobility scooter. It has a battery to make it move.



You don't have to push it.



You can use a wheelchair or mobility scooter with a battery on pavements. Or on the road when there is no pavement.



It is not very fast. It must not go faster than 4 miles per hour.



### Class 3

This is a wheelchair or mobility scooter with a bigger battery in it. It makes it move faster.



You can use a wheelchair or mobility scooter with a bigger battery on pavements. You can also use it on a road.



On pavements it must not go faster than 4 miles per hour.



On roads it must not go faster than 8 miles per hour.

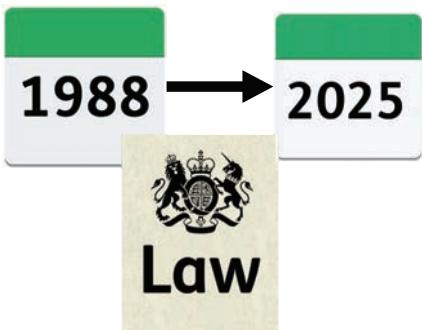
## **Other mobility scooters and wheelchairs**

Some do not have a class. They might be too heavy or too wide.



They must follow the same rules as motorbikes, cars and vans.

# Why we need to change the law



Things have changed since the laws about wheelchairs and mobility scooters were made.



The law calls wheelchairs and mobility scooters **invalid carriages**.



Many people do not like these words.



Some wheelchairs are very heavy. They have things you might need on them.



This might be something that helps you to breathe or gives you medicine.



Some wheelchairs have a big battery in them. It makes them move faster.



You can now put an extra wheel on the front of a wheelchair you push.



New things have been made since the law was written. Things like e-bikes and e-scooters.



They have a battery in them too. They can go very fast.



## Work we have done so far and what we want to do

We talked to organisations who speak up for disabled people.



And we talked to groups who tell services how to make **transport** better.

**Transport** means things like buses, trains and taxis.



We looked at the laws we have.



Now we want to ask everyone what they think.



Please answer the questions in this survey. You can ask someone to help you if you want to.



Your answers will help us to decide what changes we need to make.

## How to send your answers back to us



Send us your answers by  
**31st March 2026.**



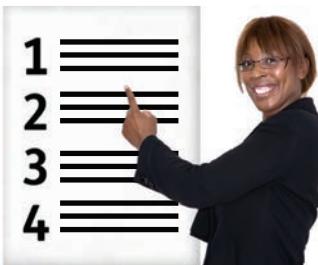
### Post your answers to:

Micromobility Team  
Roads Transport Group  
Department for Transport  
33 Horseferry Road  
London  
SW1P 4DR



**Or email your answers to:**  
[mobilitydevices@dft.gov.uk](mailto:mobilitydevices@dft.gov.uk)

# Questions for you



There are 4 things that we think the new laws must do. The new laws must make sure:



1. Disabled people can use the mobility scooters and wheelchairs that they need.



2. People have more things to choose from to help them get around.



3. Other people who use roads and pavements feel safe.



4. The rules keep everyone safe on roads and pavements.



**Question 1:** Do you think these are the right 4 things to do?



Yes



No



I don't  
know



**Question 2:** Should there be any other things the new laws should do? Write down as many things as you want to in this box:



The law calls a mobility scooter and a wheelchair an **invalid carriage**.

**Question 3:** Should the law call them a **mobility device** instead?



Yes



No



I don't know



**Question 4:** Are there any other words the law could use instead of **mobility device** or **invalid carriage**?

Write down as many things as you want to in this box:



The law calls people who use mobility scooters and wheelchairs **a person suffering from some physical defect or disability.**

We could change the law. It could call people **a disabled person** or **person with reduced mobility** instead.



**Question 5:** Do you think we should make this change?

  Yes

  No

  I don't know



**Question 6:** Are there any other words we could use instead of **disabled person** or **person with reduced mobility**? Write down any other words in this box:



The next questions ask you about where people should use wheelchairs you can push.



**Question 7:** Should wheelchairs that you push be used on a cycle lane on the road?



Yes



No



I don't know



**Question 8:** Should wheelchairs that you push be used on paths and tracks?

These are things people walk and cycle on. It might be in a park or in places where things like cars and buses cannot go.



Yes



No



I don't know



The next questions ask you about where people should use mobility scooters and wheelchairs with a battery.



**Question 9:** Should a mobility scooter or wheelchair with a battery be used on a cycle lane on the road?



Yes



No



I don't know



**Question 10:** Should a mobility scooter or wheelchair with a battery be used on paths and tracks?



Yes



No



I don't know



The next questions ask you about where people should use mobility scooters and wheelchairs with a bigger battery.



**Question 11:** Should a mobility scooter or wheelchair with a bigger battery be used on a cycle lane on the road?



Yes



No



I don't know



**Question 12:** Should a mobility scooter or wheelchair with a bigger battery be used on paths and tracks?



Yes



No



I don't know



Mobility scooters and wheelchairs must weigh less than 150kg.



If they have things on them that people need, they must weigh less than 200kg.



**Question 13:** Do you think this is the right weight to have?



Yes



No



I don't know



How much a mobility scooter weighs is important.

If it weighs too much, you might not be able to use it in a lift. Or you might not be able to use it on a ramp.



**Question 14:** Should there be rules about how much a mobility scooter or wheelchair can weigh?



Yes



No



I don't  
know



**Question 15:** What should the rules about the weight be?  
Write your answer in this box:



**Question 16:** Thinking about how much a mobility scooter or wheelchair weighs. How might changing rules about the weight make things better for people?

Write your answer in this box:



**Question 17:** Thinking about how much a mobility scooter or wheelchair weighs. How might changing rules about the weight make things worse for people?

Write your answer in this box:

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A person walks at around 3 miles per hour.

8



**Question 18:** Thinking about mobility scooters and wheelchairs with a bigger battery. Should they be allowed to go faster than 8 miles per hour on the road?



Yes



No



I don't know



If you ticked yes, how fast do you think they should be able to go?  
Write your answer in this box:



**Question 19:** Thinking about mobility scooters and wheelchairs with a bigger battery. Should they be allowed to go faster than 8 miles per hour in cycle lanes?



Yes



No



I don't know



If you ticked yes, how fast do you think they should be able to go. Write your answer in this box:



Some mobility scooters and wheelchairs can go faster than 8 miles per hour. This can be dangerous for other people on the pavements and roads.



**Question 20:** If they go faster than 8 miles per hour, how can we keep people safe?

Write your answer in this box:



**Question 21:** Should people who use mobility scooters or wheelchairs be 14 years old or older?



Yes



No



I don't  
know



**Question 22:** What is the youngest age a person should be?  
Write your answer in this box:



**Question 23:** Should people who use a mobility scooter or a wheelchair be allowed to have a passenger?

This means having someone standing or sitting on it with you.



Yes



No



I don't know



**Question 24:** Should there be rules about having passengers?  
Write down what you think the rules should be in this box:



**Question 25:** What is the youngest age a passenger should be?  
Write your answer in this box:



**Question 26:** Is there anything else you want to say about passengers?  
Write your answer in this box:



You can put a big battery in some wheelchairs that you push.



It makes it work like a wheelchair that was made with a bigger battery in it.



**Question 27:** Thinking about a wheelchair you push that has a big battery put in it.

Should it follow the same rules as a wheelchair with a bigger battery in it?



Yes



No



I don't know



You can put an extra wheel on the front of a wheelchair you push. You can turn the wheel with a handle you hold onto.



The wheel can have a big battery in it. This makes the wheelchair move.



**Question 28:** Think about a wheelchair you push with a handle, wheel and battery in it.

Should it follow the same rules as a wheelchair with a bigger battery in it?



Yes



No



I don't know



The next questions ask you about where people should use wheelchairs you push that have things put on them.

Things like a bigger battery or an extra wheel.



**Question 29:** Should wheelchairs you push that have things put on them be used on a cycle lane on the road?



Yes



No



I don't know



**Question 30:** Should wheelchairs you push that have things put on them be used on paths and tracks?



Yes



No



I don't know



Things like e-bikes and e-scooters are not allowed to be used on the pavement.



E-bikes and e-scooters have a battery in them. They can go very fast.



**Question 31:** Do you think it is safe for disabled people to use them on pavements?



Yes



No



I don't know



If you ticked no to question 31, tell us why it is not safe.  
Write your answer in this box:



**Question 32:** Do you use a mobility scooter or wheelchair?



Yes



No



If you ticked yes, tell us what you use.  
Write your answer in this box.

**Question 33:** Do you use any of these things to help you get around?

**You can tick more than 1 box.**



A bike



E-bike



E-scooter



Something else. Please tell us what in this box:



**Question 34:** Would you like to use one of the things in question 33 to get around?



Yes



No



I don't  
know



If you ticked yes tell us what you would like to use:



**Question 35:** Is there anything else you want to tell us?  
Write your answer in this box: