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Subject: WC - e-Scooter Petition for consistent regulations in BC

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Research has shown that there has been a growing concern on e-scooter injuries with little consistent regulation throughout BC. Various reports from US trauma centres in US and Europe show head injuries on rise resulting in severe Traumatic Brain Injuries and Intracranial Hemorrhaging which affects riders for what future years they have. Snell Foundation, which has developed helmet standards for many sports for over 60 years, says that bicycle helmets do meet requirements for good head protection on e-scooters. Financial institutions says that children as young as 9 or 10 can get supplementary credit cards based on their parent's or guardian's credit card, and if they have a mobile phone, they may be able to rent a "dockless" e-scooter. Some e-scooters have ability to travel as fast as 45-100+ km/h. US hospital Emergency Departments finding an increase of 18-23% increase in e-scooter related injuries per year since 2017. Most hospital ED's in BC are now operating at or over capacity. Regulations on e-scooters required. France brought in strict rules in 2021 and updated them in 2025. Please pass the petition on to your elected officials for them to consider.

We find many seniors are afraid of being hit by e-scooters when they go for a walk. A number of people with severe vision loss have said that they feel scared by the speed and quietness as well as being worried they will fall over those left on sidewalks in any urban area. Petition at: <https://c.org/xG6Km6k4sh>

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Media Release

E-Scooters and Pedestrians Don't Mix: A Petition

The dramatic escalation in the number of E-Scooters on streets, sidewalks and park pathways in many BC urban centres present an increasing hazard to both pedestrian (especially senior citizens) and to the users themselves. Road safety concerns include but are not limited to: underage users; the use of illegal and over-powered devices; no helmets or helmets that may not protect jaw or head damage; riding in non-designated areas; and a notable rise in emergency department visits.

The share of e-scooters among electric micro mobility devices, including both retail sales and rentals, increased more than ten fold between 2019 and 2023 with thousands more in operation since.

The problem is a hodge-podge of municipal/provincial regulations, which places an extra burden on police departments to effectively enforce existing regulations and bylaws. Numerous injuries, including those to the head, add extra burden to BC's overlaid emergency rooms.

Walkers' Caucus, a pedestrian advocacy group, is sponsoring an online petition directing the B.C. Provincial Government to enact comprehensive, effective policy and regulation to counteract this increasing threat to public safety. That petition is available at:

<https://c.org/xG6Km6k4sh>.

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