

By-law 9148

According to by-laws that regulate traffic within the City of Windsor, by-law 9148 states: "A wheelchair shall be allowed to utilize any city sidewalk for its' intended use in assisting a person who has a physical disability or requires mobility assistance. Those utilizing a wheelchair shall be cognizant of the safety of pedestrians and other users of sidewalks, and operate the wheelchair in a safe manner." (2)

REFERENCES

- (1) Litman, T. (2006). **Managing Personal Mobility Devices on Nonmotorized Facilities.** Victoria Transport Policy Institute.
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- (3) **Parenting Special Needs. Wheelchair Safety.** Retrieved from the About.com database using keywords: wheelchair safety.

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SAFETY TIPS AND THE LAW

DEFINITION

An electric personal assistive mobility device is a self balancing device designed to transport only one person with an electric propulsion system with an average power of 750 watts (one horsepower), whose maximum speed on a paved level surface is less than 20 m.p.h. Electric personal mobility devices can include both powered scooters and wheelchairs. (1)



Safety Tips

When considering an electric personal mobility device, basic safety information is crucial for injury prevention.

Safety Tips:

- Fasten or strap a wheelchair in a vehicle with proper tie-downs.
- Anti-tippers are recommended to be used at all times.
- Seek proper personal mobility training for optimal and safe use.
- Flags, reflectors, lights, horns, beepers, stabilizer bars, and helmets should all be considered when traveling.
- Always use the seat belt that the powered mobility device is equipped with.
- Mobility device is likely to tip sideways. Always steer up or down an incline slowly.
- Avoid obstacles such as stones, cracks and curbs because these may cause sudden deflection to one side or loss of control.

Weather Tips:

- Caution when maneuvering through ice or snow.
- Do not travel long distances alone or without a travel plan.
- Cell phones are beneficial in emergency situations.

Maintenance Tips:

- Check the tires to make sure that the pressure is at manufacturer's recommendation.
- The individual size must be considered when selecting a chair.
- Have the personal mobility device checked at least once a year by a certified technician.
- Make sure the breaks, locks, armrests, footrests, wheels, tires, and casters are in good working condition.
- Batteries should be fully charged before traveling.(3)