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SCOOTER SAFETY

By using appropriate safety gear and following basic safety guidelines, most scooter-related injuries can be prevented. The National Safety Council recommends the following:

- Check the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Web site (www.cpsc.gov) for a complete list of recalls.
- Children should always wear a properly fitting helmet, and elbow and knee pads when riding a scooter.
- Children ages 8 and under should not use scooters without close adult supervision.
- Check the scooter often for hazards such as loose, broken or cracked parts; sharp edges on metal boards; slippery top surfaces and wheels with nicks and cracks. Defects should be corrected by a qualified repair person.
- Confine riding to parks with paved paths or neighborhoods with sidewalks.
- Use extra caution when crossing driveways.
- Ride scooters on smooth, paved surfaces free from traffic. Avoid riding on streets or surfaces with water, sand, gravel or dirt.
- Never ride a scooter at night.
- Never hitch a ride from a car, bus, truck, bicycle, etc.
- Limit use of the scooter to one person at a time.
- Use caution when riding the scooter downhill. If a steep hill is encountered, step off the scooter and walk to the bottom of the hill.

Acknowledgments:

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