

SCOOTING SAFELY TIP 1

HEADS UP!

Helmets are a must for every scooter rider. More importantly a properly fitted helmet is a must for kids riding scooters. We know that getting kids to wear a helmet is easier said than done. It's one of the reasons Micro offer a range of helmets that are not only safe but look good too.

Ensure you measure your child's head for a helmet. Helmet sizes are like shoe sizes – they don't necessarily correspond to age. So, measure before ordering.

It's easy to do, simply place a tape measure above your child's eyebrows and wrap around for a full measurement.

Use this measurement to check sizing of the helmet you like. If your child is on the cusp of 2 measurements, then go up a size.

Once the helmet arrives get your child to put the helmet on their head with the straps undone. Ask your child to bend over, with the helmet pointing down. The helmet shouldn't fall off.

If it does, then readjust the interior padding / measurement dial at the back.

Once the helmet does not fall off when your child is pointing their head to the floor then they are ready for scooting adventures. Buckle up and off they go - precious head protected, miles of smiles guaranteed.



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Brake. Brake. Brake.

In our experience kids have a habit of stopping their scooter by trailing their foot along the floor.

Your child's foot is not a brake.

Encourage them to use the back brake on their Micro Scooter. The brakes on all Micro scooters have been specifically designed with kids in mind. So, they are longer, more durable, they even have a rough surface so your child's foot can make a better contact with the brake.

Getting your child to use the brake will not only make them safer – but will save you a fortune in new shoes.

You can play stop/start games with your child when they first get their scooter. For example, getting them to stop at kerbs or by drawing lines on the ground and encouraging them to stop at each one.

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Getting the Right Height

All Micro scooters have an adjustable handlebar. This means the scooter will grow with your child ensuring they will get years of use from it.

You should set the top of the handlebars of your Micro scooter to be just above your child's belly button.

This is the perfect height for scooters – it gives your child the right stance to scoot at, ensuring they are in total control.

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Cruiser Control – How to Master Tilt and Lean

All Mini and Maxi Micro scooters steer in the direction a child leans. This makes for a more intuitive ride. It also helps to build your child's balance, coordination, fine and gross motor skills.

Most children pick up the lean to steer style innately. But for those who need a little encouragement here are some tips.

- Get your child to stand still on their scooter while the scooter is not moving. Tell them to hold the handlebars. Let your child practice leaning their body from left to right. Show them when they do this the wheels will turn in the direction they want to go.
- Start to pull the scooter along slowly. Ensure both your child's feet are on the footplate. As you pull the scooter tell your child to lean their body from left to right. This will build their confidence and get them used to how to steer their scooter.
- When your child is confident with step 2 get them to push off on their scooter with one kick of the leg. Practice going around a corner. You can use bean bags / cones or whatever you have at home to set up a corner. Start out with a corner with a lean chicane. As your child's confidence builds make the corner turn harder.

We hope this guide helps. Wishing you and your family many happy, safe scooting adventures.

