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Public Safety Newsletter

TOPIC: Moped / Motorized Scooter Laws & Regulations

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The following are some of the laws and regulations that apply to any person who is riding a moped or motorized scooter:

1. You must have an active drivers license or restricted permit. You do not need a motorcycle endorsement to operate a moped or scooter.
2. If you are under the age of 14, you cannot operate any type of moped on the street.
3. If you have a learners permit, an adult with a valid drivers license must be riding next to you.
4. You must have insurance on the moped or scooter. (SDCL 32-35-113)
5. The moped must have a headlight, taillight, brake light, mirror and horn.
6. If the moped or scooter is operated on the street, the driver must comply with all state/local laws, though a helmet is not required.
7. You cannot operate any moped or motorized scooter on any city sidewalk.

Just a reminder any gas or electric powered, two or three wheeled motorcycle looking bike; flat two-wheeled, stand up platform scooter and mini rocket type moped and razor bike are all considered mopeds if they are motorized.

Sincerely,

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