

Personal Light Electric Vehicles enter the Greek Road Traffic Code

E-scooters, e-rollers, e-skateboards, handbikes for persons with disabilities, hoverboards, segways, ...



... are introduced as a new vehicle category, referred as **Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs)**.

Specific regulations have been set, concerning traffic rules, parking legislation, technical characteristics and sanctions in case of rule violation.

PLEVs are divided into two categories:

- With design speed **up to 6 km/h**, PLEVs use the sidewalk as pedestrians. Riders must be at least **12 years of age**.
- With design speed **between 6 and 25 km/h**, PLEVs follow the bicycle rules. Riders must be at least **15 years of age**.

All riders are required to carry a legal identification document

GENERAL RULES:

- PLEVs, with design speed between 6 and 25 km/h, are required to use bike lanes, when available.
- Otherwise, riders are required to use the right side of the road. It is forbidden to circulate on streets with a car speed limit of 50 km/h or higher.
- It is prohibited to use headphones or mobile phones, while riding. Audio devices and mobile phones are only allowed with a hands-free kit.
- It is forbidden to carry extra passengers. PLEVs' use is exclusively personal.
- It is not allowed to ride side by side with other PLEVs.
- Riders are obliged to hold the steering wheel (if any) with both hands, except for when they use hand signals.
- Riders of PLEVs are obliged to give priority to pedestrians and slow down in areas with pedestrians.
- To avoid obstacles or danger, riders should walk their electric vehicles on sidewalks.
- Regarding residential areas, municipalities can define specific parking lots for PLEVs.



PLEVs' legislation enter into force from 16th March 2021.
In case of rule violation, sanctions are imposed.

EQUIPMENT:

- Maximum speed limit is set at 25 km/h.
- Helmet use is mandatory.
- At night, it is mandatory to wear reflective clothing or equipment.
- PLEVs are required to be equipped with one bell, one white or yellow light at the front of the vehicle and one red reflective light at the rear.

Especially, for the PLEVs of persons with disabilities:

- Helmet use is not mandatory
- The vehicle is not required to be equipped with a white or yellow light at the front and a red reflective light at the rear, as long as they do not circulate at night.

