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Is an electric scooter on your child's wish list? Are you resisting because of safety concern? Here are some things to consider before giving in to purchase. Check the safety ratings and weight capacity for the models your child wants. For these devices quality is more important than price. Read the available reviews for each model to find the [best electric scooter](#). If your child is larger the extra weight can be a factor in speed. Another consideration is battery life. You don't want your child miles from home and have to walk back. If your child is younger and or smaller you might want to skip the motor and start them with a foot powered model until they are older.

Keep in mind that some reviews will be the result of a disgruntled buyer who may never be happy. Other reviews may actually point out some serious issues. If your child already has a bicycle then they should know the safety rules that also will apply to an [electric scooter](#).

If your child is proficient on a bicycle the [electric scooter](#) is not much different. The same rules apply. For example, give pedestrians the right of way, look both ways etc.. As with a bike safety gear is important. In addition to the usual helmet knee and elbow pads are an important addition. Insist on their use.

A smooth surface is also important for riding a scooter. They don't do well in rough terrain. They are not mountain bikes. If your child understands these limitations and wears protective gear they can enjoy a safe mode of transportation and learn the responsibilities of a bit of independence.

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