



How to ride your scooter in Miami

Your guide to a safe, easy rental: the law, the road, the weather, and looking after your scooter.

✓ Before every ride

- **Walk around it.** Tyres firm, no cuts. Lights, brake lights, indicators and horn working. Mirrors set.
- **Squeeze both brakes** before you roll. They should feel firm, not spongy.
- **Helmet on and fastened**, every ride, even round the block. Sunglasses or a visor keep grit and rain out of your eyes.
- **Fuel:** regular unleaded (87). Don't run it dry: it is hard on the engine and leaves you stranded.
- A warning light, a new noise, a wobble or a smell of fuel? **Stop somewhere safe and call us.** Don't ride it home.

⚡ Respect the law

- **Carry your driver's licence.** A 49cc moped in Florida needs a valid licence; an ordinary car licence is enough.
- **No interstates or expressways.** Mopeds are not allowed on limited-access roads (I-95, I-395, SR 836, the Turnpike...). Look for the "no mopeds" signs.
- **Only you drive.** Only the person on the rental agreement drives. A passenger only where the scooter has a passenger seat and footrests, never more than 2 people, both in helmets. Never a passenger on an e-bike.
- **Ride on the road, never on the sidewalk.** Keep right when traffic is faster than you. No lane-splitting between cars: it is illegal in Florida.
- **Lights on, day and night.** Be seen.
- **Phone down.** No texting or holding the phone while riding. Use a mount for directions, and set them before you go.
- **Park legally:** motorcycle or scooter bays, or where the signs allow. Never on a sidewalk, a bike lane or in front of a ramp.

Never drink or use drugs and ride

- Florida's DUI law covers mopeds exactly like cars: the limit is 0.08%, and **0.02% if you are under 21**.
- A DUI means arrest, a fine and losing your licence, and **no insurance covers a crash when you were impaired**.
- Had a drink? Leave the scooter locked and parked legally, take a taxi, and pick it up tomorrow. We would much rather you did.

Miami's roads and weather

- **Afternoon storms** arrive fast in summer. The first minutes of rain lift oil off the road: slow down, brake earlier, or wait it out under cover.
- **Painted lines, metal plates and manhole covers** are slippery when wet. Ride straight over them, never brake or lean on them.
- **Watch for car doors** opening on parked cars, and for cars turning right across you. Assume drivers have not seen you.
- **Bridges and causeways** can be windy. Hold the bars firmly and keep a steady speed.
- **Heat:** drink water, wear sunscreen, and keep the seat and helmet out of the sun when parked.
- **Potholes and sand** on the road edge: look well ahead and keep space around you.
- On e-bikes: follow local signs. Many Miami Beach paths and the beachwalks do not allow motorized bikes.

If something happens

- **Anyone hurt? Call 911 first.** Move out of traffic only if it is safe.
- **Call the police** for any crash with another vehicle, a person or property, and ask for a report number.
- **Take photos** of the scene, the scooter and the other vehicle, and note the other driver's name, licence, plate and insurance.
- **Call us straight away**, even for a scratch or a fall. We will tell you what to do next.
- **Stolen?** Report it to the police, then call us with the report number.

🔑 Looking after your scooter

Regular service keeps your scooter reliable and you safe. It is part of your rental agreement.

Vehicle	Service	Every
Gas scooter 49cc	Oil and filter service	800 mi
Gas scooter 49cc	Belt change	900 mi
E-bike (Class 2)	Battery change	2,000 mi

- **Send us your mileage every week.** Reply to the weekly message we send, or WhatsApp us your odometer reading. **A photo of the odometer is best:** it is your proof and saves any back-and-forth.
- **Watch the miles.** When you are close to a service (800 mi for oil and filter), message us. We will book you in, usually while you wait.
- **Don't ride past a service.** Riding past the service mileage damages the engine and adds a \$100 charge.
- **Weekly limit:** 800 mi a week at most, whatever the plan.

📄 Good to know

- **Bring it back on time.** After 60 minutes' grace, a late return costs \$20 a day. Need longer? Ask us to extend before the end date.
- **Tolls** are passed on to you with a \$25 administration fee for each one.
- **Parking and traffic tickets** during your rental are yours. Pay them on time to avoid extra charges.
- **Lock it every time** you leave it, take the key with you, and park in a lit, busy spot at night.

Questions, a service, an extension or help on the road

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