

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MOBILITY SCOOTER

BUYER'S GUIDE



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WELCOME

Are you or your loved one missing social events and relying on someone to get around due to age or disability?

Mobility scooters are here for the rescue! They provide you with more independence and mobility and thereby greatly improve quality of life while providing access to work, socialise and enjoy fresh air, run errands and to travel the world!

So, whether you're thinking of buying your first scooter, upgrading an existing one, or worried about the mobility and safety of a loved one, we hope that Statewide Home Health Care Mobility Scooter Buyers Guide can answer all your questions.

Happy Scooting!

“ Mobility Scooters are becoming increasingly common in Australia as they are easy to use by anyone and offer a secure and inexpensive way to regain your independence if you struggle to walk long distances. ”



IS A MOBILITY SCOOTER THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOU?

Mobility scooters are good for people who may be able to walk short distances but have a condition which effects their overall strength, like heart conditions or many chronic illnesses.

If you tick 'yes' to all boxes below a mobility scooter is the best choice for you. Don't worry! If you answer "No" then a power chair may be right for you.

- I don't need any help transferring from bed to chair.
- I will be using the power operated scooter mostly outdoors.
- I have the strength in my upper body to maintain balance while steering the power scooter.



If you are buying your first scooter, or if your disability or medical condition has changed lately, it is a smart idea to speak to your doctor or occupational therapist first.

Below are some of the factors that will be evaluated by your doctor or occupational therapist to guarantee you can ride a mobility scooter safely.

EYESIGHT

- Ability to quickly recognize objects that are stationary and moving (Eg: people or bicycles)
- Ability to see contrasts in color and depth.
- Ability to determine the speed and distance for yourself as well as moving objects around you.

MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

- You **MUST** be able to safely get in and out of your scooter.
- Once in your scooter, you need to be able to sit upright, without external supports, and to maintain and shift your balance, even while your scooter is going over rough terrain.
- You should also be able to independently and comfortably reach and use hand controls.

ATTENTION SPAN AND REACTION TIMES

- Ability to concentrate for lengthy periods of time and rapidly respond to emergency precautionary measure.
- Ability to accurately determine the speed and distances.

THINGS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT



YOU AND YOUR NEEDS

HEIGHT

It's important to choose a scooter suits your body to comfortably reach scooter's controls and that the seat is high enough.

WEIGHT

Make sure to discuss your weight limits with your supplier.

CARERS

It is important that your carer understand how your scooter works. Take them with you when choosing a scooter and be sure to listen to their concerns.

INDOOR USE

If you need to access narrow hallways, small rooms, elevators or shopping aisles, purchasing a smaller scooter is better choice. Three-wheel scooters are ideal.

OUTDOOR USE

If you are planning to drive your scooter mostly outdoors, make sure that it has an appropriate battery life and enough power to get through bumpy roads. Four-wheel scooters are ideal.

DISTANCE

Consider how far you will be travelling everyday in your scooter and this will impact how much battery power you need.

SIZE AND PORTABILITY

Use a foldable scooter to easily be lifted and transported in a car. As these scooters are small, they may not be suitable for taller people as it cannot carry much weight.

STORAGE

Think of a place to store your mobility scooter when not in use.



MOBILITY SCOOTER TYPES

SMALL MOBILITY SCOOTERS

Approximate Range - up to 25km

User weight capacity - up to 118kg

Maximum Speed - up to 13km/h

FEATURES

- Easily removable for transport.
- Easy to ride through crowded areas.
- Simple steering for a comfortable ride.
- Battery can be detached for easy travel.

MEDIUM MOBILITY SCOOTERS

Approximate Range - up to 20km – 35km

User weight capacity - up to 150kg

Maximum Speed - up to 10km/h

FEATURES

- Removable front basket for shopping
- Lights and indicators for better visibility
- Rearview mirrors for safety
- Constructed in a speed decrease switch that is activated with outstanding safety

LARGE MOBILITY SCOOTERS

Approximate Range - up to 30km – 40km

User weight capacity - up to 181kg

Maximum Speed - up to 15km/h

FEATURES

- Removable front basket for shopping
- Hydraulic handbrake
- Adjustable power-saving LED headlight, indicators front and rear, rear taillights and brake lights
- Adjustable suspension to give maximum comfort



ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

Like your favourite handbag usually helps you accessorise and carry important items, there are a number of accessories and attachments that can help accessorise your scooter as well as provide you with additional functionality. Here are our most popular ones:

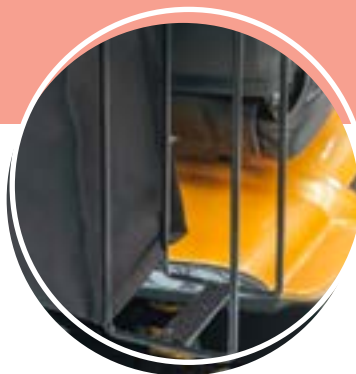
CUP HOLDER - This attachment provides a sturdy and stable place to keep a drink while you are using your mobility scooter

MOBILITY SCOOTER FULL REAR CARRIER - This device allows you to attach and carry a larger device, such as a walker to the back of the scooter.

MOBILITY SCOOTER OXYGEN BOTTLE CARRIER - This protects and carries an oxygen cylinder and masks on a mobility scooter.

MOBILITY SCOOTER REAR BAG - This can be easily attached to the back of the scooter and can be used to carry small items. It is an essential purchase if you are buying the Oxygen Bottle Carrier.

MOBILITY SCOOTER SAFETY FLAG - This visible safety flag is able to warn people in the area that someone on a mobility scooter is approaching so that they can move out of the way.



WHERE TO BUY YOUR SCOOTER?

Choose a reliable supplier to assist you choose the best scooter for you. Below are few of the factors to consider when choosing a mobility scooter supplier.

NDIS REGISTERED PROVIDER

Depending on your individual circumstances, there might be funding assistance available through the NDIS. It is a good idea to contact your local NDIS provider to find out if you are eligible for this type of benefit.

TEST BEFORE YOU BUY

Before deciding on the appropriate scooter for you, the provider should allow you to test drive several scooters.

ADVISING

Renowned suppliers are pleased to consult with your doctor or occupational therapist and even present them when testing your drive or deciding your scooter. consulting.

INSTRUCTIONS

The provider should provide you with extensive instruction on how to use, store and retain your scooter once you have selected your scooter. All this should be included without any additional charge.



AFTER SALES SERVICE

Good suppliers offer after-sales service to guarantee you're pleased with your purchase and maintain your scooter in top condition. This will include a warranty and support to assist you keep riding.

COMPLIANCE

Mobility scooters and powered wheelchairs in Australia have compliance laws. Make sure you check these with your supplier.

BUY NOW. PAY LATER

If it is difficult for you to pay the full amount upfront some suppliers offer Afterpay to pay for your mobility scooter in four instalments interest free.



AFTER YOUR PURCHASE

PRACTICE

Before tackling rough terrain or busy crowds, try to travel on flat floor and in quiet fields. If you, your family or doctor feel you need some additional assistance, an occupational therapist can provide additional instruction.

KNOW ROAD RULES IN YOUR AREA

Each state and territory have its own mobility scooter rules and regulations. Therefore, get to know them before you ride your mobility scooter on the road.

INSURANCE

Purchasing insurance for your scooter is something that you should consider. This can help protect you if your scooter gets damaged in the future.

ANNUAL SERVICING

Make sure you get your scooter serviced every year to ensure that everything is working properly. Like cars and other motorised vehicles, regular servicing is recommended. It is always better to be safe than sorry.



Let us help select the best scooter for your needs. Visit us for a complimentary assessment and trial.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

We understand that every person's situation and needs are different when considering the purchase of a mobility scooter. While you are doing your research, you can try a mobility scooter for an hour or two to ensure that it is a perfect choice.

Our dedicated team at the Statewide Home Health Care showroom in Brighton East can be contacted by phone, email, or in-person to understand your needs and help you choose the best scooter for your needs and circumstances.

We are always here to help you "live your best life!"



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