

Dear Mr White,

I do like the electric scooters, but as a mother I am distressed at how many times I see CHILDREN on these scooters with NO helmets. I have now counted 5 OCCASIONS where I have see an ADULT RIDING WITH A CHILD on a single scooter in high traffic areas in Venice area with NO HELMETS. I don't get out much, so I am sure it is a frequent occurrence.

2 were in dangerous traffic areas on Washington Blvd not too far from the beach....and the kids were VERY SMALL. One was probably between 4-6 YEARS OLD riding with her mother. Another was probably 6-10 years old. I have seen an adult fall off of one, so it is only a matter of time that a child is going to get seriously injured.

I can't verify, but I believe they are tourists and are unaware of laws regarding child safety in Los Angeles. I can't imagine a local resident would be putting their children in the situations I have witnessed.

On top of that I still see a lot of MINORS riding the bikes alone as well. I don't know how they are getting past the credit card and driver's license check on the scooters... but something clearly needs to be rectified here.

Isn't there a way to have a helmet attached to each bike that the rider must use? Or reduce the maximum speed on the bikes?

If there were designated pickup and drop off areas, signs regarding laws and safety could then be posted in different languages.

I do support having scooters but the safety issues have not been properly addressed. I am really concerned it's only a matter of time before a child is hit by a car on one of these. And with no helmet, what would the consequences of that look like? Who would be at fault for such a tragedy?

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