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### HELMETS ON, DISTRACTIONS OFF, AND SAFETY FIRST!

As electric scooters become increasingly popular among children for quick transportation, it is important to acknowledge the potential dangers if safety measures are not in place. While these scooters can be fun and convenient, it is crucial to take steps to ensure safe riding.

\*\*Parents:\*\* We rely on you to establish clear rules regarding scooter safety, including where, when, and how scooters should be operated. Recently, we have received numerous complaints about children ignoring traffic signs and laws and riding recklessly.

### **Safety Tips for Kids on Scooters**

Wear Protective Gear – A properly fitted helmet is a must and is MANDATORY for anyone under 17. Knee and elbow pads, as well as closed-toe shoes, are strongly recommended.

Ride in Safe Areas – Electric scooters that exceed 20 mph are PROHIBITED, and should not be operated on any sidewalks, bike paths, or low-traffic neighborhoods. Avoid busy roads, crowded areas, and busy intersections.

Follow the Rules – Obey traffic signals, ride in the same direction as traffic when in bike lanes, and never carry passengers.

Stay Visible – Use reflective gear and scooter lights when riding at dusk or in dim areas.

Supervision Matters – Younger children should always be supervised.

We want children to enjoy riding scooters and being outdoors, but they must do so safely.