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Miniature Motor Bikes

Miniature motorbikes or 'monkey bikes' are scaled down replicas of motorcycles, some of which can reach speeds of up to 70km/h. A safety ban has been placed on these machines to minimise the possibility of injury associated with them.

A mandatory product safety standard under the *Sale of Hazardous Goods Act 1977* for miniature motorbikes has been introduced and took effect from 29th March 2006. Models that fail a five-point safety test are banned from sale.

New miniature motorbikes have to comply with mandatory standards regarding the throttle, braking system, foot pegs, steering, and supplemental engine stop.

There are many different models on the market and consumers should note that they cannot be used on roads or any other public area.

Because miniature motorbikes do not meet the Australian Design Rules for motor vehicles and therefore cannot be registered, it is illegal for them to be used on public roads. Neither may they be used on footpaths, nature strips, car parks nor parks. The only place they can be ridden is on privately owned land and purposefully built tracks.

It is also illegal to ride any motorbike in a public area unless you are licenced or hold a learners permit.

Parents are urged to closely supervise children on miniature motorbikes as there is a significant risk of fatal or serious injury. Anyone riding them should wear protective clothing and an approved and correctly fitting helmet as you would for a full-size motorcycle.