



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING  
CRIME

## MOBILITY SCOOTER THEFT PROTECTION

Mobility scooters or 'gophers' are motorised wheelchairs which provide mobility and transport for older and less able bodied members of our community. Mobility scooters can be an easy target for thieves.

**To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of theft, please consider the following security tips:**

- Secure your mobility scooter in your home or a locked garage or install an anchor point and lock to secure it to the anchor point.
- Park your mobility scooter out of sight or consider concealing it with a cover, which can be secured to the scooter, when at home.
- Remove the key and lock your mobility scooter when not in use.
- Lock the steering of your mobility scooter if it is equipped with this feature.
- Do not leave any possessions or valuables in the mobility scooter.
- Photograph your mobility scooter and record any markings and the serial number to identify your mobility scooter. The mobility scooter company will be able to assist with the location of the serial number.
- Mark your mobility scooter with your driver's licence number or proof of age card, prefixed by the letter 'S' for South Australia e.g. S123456.

The Australian Road Rules classifies a person using a motorised wheelchair as a pedestrian and the following road rules apply:

- Cannot travel at a speed greater than 10 km/h on level ground.
- Must have an unladen weight of less than 110kg.
- Can only travel on the road where a footpath is not available, is being repaired or is unsafe due to damage.
- Must observe all the same road rules that apply to pedestrians.
- Must only carry one person.
- Motorised scooters do not need to be registered and the operator does not need a driver's licence to operate it.
- A motorised wheelchair can only be used if the person has a reasonable need due to their physical condition.

If you have any questions please contact your local police station or visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au)

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

## VEHICLE SECURITY

