



Reid Park Zoological Society

Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs) Guideline

The Zoo accommodates the use of some Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMDs), which are vehicles that are not wheelchairs, but rather are electric devices designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility limitations, such as scooter and Segways®. All such devices must be operated in a manner that does not compromise the safety of the user, visitors and staff, or Zoo buildings and grounds. Individuals operating power-driven mobility devices within the Zoo must remain in control at all times and must exercise caution. The Zoo requires users to operate their devices at a speed no greater than a walking pace of 3 mph.

Acceptable OPDMDs

Permitted mobility devices include the following:

- Electric OPDMDs and other single-seat electric scooters with three or more wheels that cannot exceed more than 6 miles per hour. OPDMDs may be used by one person at a time.
- Segways® with a steering handle are permitted but must operate only in “turtle” mode.

Prohibited OPDMDs

Prohibited OPDMDs include the following:

- Any device that has or should have a registered license plate
- Any device that has only one wheel
- Any device that has two tandem wheels (e.g. two-wheeled electric or motorized scooters)
- Any device that has been structurally or mechanically altered
- Any gas powered vehicle
- All Hover boards or any Segways® without a steering handle
- Any golf carts or similar type vehicle

Notwithstanding the above list, for safety reasons we reserve the right to inspect any mobility device to determine if it is safe to operate at the Zoo. We consider various factors, included but not limited to the following: The type, size, weight, dimensions, stability, and speed of the device. Bicycles, trikes and razor scooters are not permitted

Please keep in mind that while all Zoo personnel may provide minor assistance, they are not trained to and are not allowed to lift a guest out of his/her mobility device or provide assistance with medication or help of a personal nature.

Zoo personnel are neither trained nor permitted to lift a guest or help them inside a restroom. Should it be required, guests needing this assistance should plan to visit the Zoo with someone who can physically help them.

An individual without a mobility impairment is not permitted to operate a power-driven mobility device within the Zoo except as part of an authorized activity.