

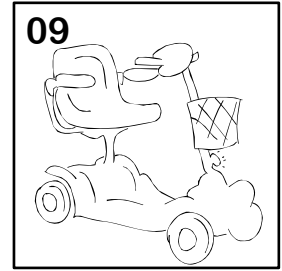
This is one of 18 leaflets in the "WiseBuy" series to enable people to choose the right product for easier living. The titles include:

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Trading Standards Dept. : **0870 872 9000**
Social Services Dept. : **see local phone directory**

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Don't be taken for a ride...

**... read our useful information guide
before you buy a Scooter**



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Can you say YES to these questions?

Have you decided whether you want a 3 or 4 wheeled scooter? YES []

When you try a scooter, does it feel safe, sturdy and comfortable? Try for a minimum of 30 minutes before you buy. Can you reach and work the controls comfortably, get on and off independently and is there enough leg room? YES []

Have you thought when you will want to use your scooter? For instance, if you use it a lot, it will need to be extremely comfortable and durable. YES []

Will you want to use it indoors at all? If so, it will need to go through doorways and probably up a step. Don't forget shops, pubs, restaurants, etc. YES []

Where will you keep your scooter when your not using it? Can you access this area yourself? Try before you buy YES []

If you leave your scooter outside at home or when visiting, will it be safe and can you immobilize it? YES []

Will you need to go over rough ground or grass? If so, has the scooter got a good tread on the wheels? YES []

Do you need to climb kerbs? Always avoid these where you can, but be prepared if you can't. The bigger the wheel the bigger the kerb than can be tried. Kerb climbing is never very comfortable. Have you tried before you buy? YES []

If the weather is bad will a cape or warm clothing be adequate and will you need a waterproof seat? YES []

Will you want to take the scooter in a car? Have you thought about who will lift it in or will you need a ramp or a hoist? YES []

Would you want the scooter to fold or take to pieces? If so, have you tried doing this before you buy? YES []

If you need a ramp, have you checked with your local Social Services to see if they can help before you buy your scooter? YES []

Can you charge and maintain the scooter yourself? YES []

Is the shop where you purchased your scooter close at hand when you need their assistance for repairs and service? YES []

Have you thought about how far you want to travel each day? You weight, hills, surfaces, kerbs and cold weather can all effect the range of your scooter, so be wary of the range stated on the literature. YES []

Do you want to travel at 4mph? 4mph vehicles can only travel on the pavement while 8mph vehicles can also travel on the road. YES []

Do you think it will be worth buying insurance and/or joining a breakdown service? We highly recommend this. YES []

**COULD YOU ANSWER 'YES' TO ALL THE QUESTIONS?
IF NOT TELEPHONE OUR INDEPENDENT HELPLINE ON
08707 601580**

**Prices start under £1,000 for a small scooter, but check it will do what you want. 2nd hand scooters can be purchased from some shops
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