

New and Emerging Vehicles

Prohibited vehicles in Ontario






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Link to the HTA: e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90h08_e.htm

What makes a vehicle illegal to operate on Ontario's public roads?

- The HTA requires a motor vehicle to be registered for use on Ontario's public roads.
- The **following five types of motor vehicles are illegal for on-road use** in Ontario because they do not meet provincial equipment requirements and therefore cannot be registered.
- If you choose to drive an unregistered motor vehicle on public roads, you can be charged with driving a motor vehicle without registration and insurance.

Common Name	Additional Notes
<p>Pocket Bike</p> 	<p>Can only be used where HTA does not apply, such as private property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under federal law, this is classified as a restricted-use motorcycle. • Must have a Vehicle Identification Number, reflectors, and a warning label that restricts use to off-road use only. • Intended for closed circuit use only, not roadways.
<p>Electric and Motorized Scooter (Go-ped)</p> 	<p>Can only be used where the HTA does not apply, such as private property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact your local municipality for by-laws pertaining to use on sidewalks or bike paths.
<p>Golf Cart</p> 	<p>Can only be used where the HTA does not apply, such as private property.</p>
<p>T-Rex This is an enclosed three-wheeled motorcycle with bucket seating and a steering wheel.</p>	<p>Can only be used where the HTA does not apply, such as private property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This vehicle is classified as a three-wheeled vehicle under federal law. • In Ontario, it is classified as a motor vehicle, and therefore does not meet the provincial requirements for operating on-road.
<p>Quadricycle This is a four-wheeled motorcycle designed and intended for on-road use.</p>	<p>Not currently allowed for importation into Canada.</p>

For more information about these and other new and emerging vehicles, please see the MTO website: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/vehicle/emerging/index.shtml>