

Safety Alert: SA-24-015

Title:	E-Scooters Prohibited on MTS Premises		
Applicable Date:	From:	26/09/2024	To: Until Withdrawn
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Location:	Network Wide		
Distribution:	Employees, Contractors and Visitors		

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Background

Metro Trains Sydney (MTS) is committed to maintaining a safe and compliant workplace for all employees, contractors, and visitors. Recently, there has been an increase in the use of electric scooters (e-scooters) as a convenient mode of transport in urban areas. However, under current New South Wales (NSW) laws, the use of e-scooters in public spaces is heavily restricted and limited to certain trial areas. These restrictions, along with the unique safety risks posed by e-scooters in operational environments, have led MTS to implement a prohibition of e-scooters on all its premises, as their use could compromise safety, increase the risk of accidents, and contravene legal requirements.

In addition to the legal framework, the operational environment at MTS presents specific challenges that make the use of e-scooters unsafe. These include:

- **Potential Hazards:** E-scooters are prone to causing accidents in busy pedestrian zones and work areas.
- **Incompatibility with Rail Safety:** Their use around rail infrastructure could lead to safety breaches or unintentional incidents.
- **Restricted Spaces:** MTS-controlled areas often have uneven surfaces, tight corners, or operational activities, which increase the likelihood of loss of control or collisions.

Actions Required

All personnel must comply with this directive. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action or exclusion from MTS premises. Safety is our priority, and we appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines.

All MTS employees, contractors, and visitors are required to take the following actions:

1. **Do Not Bring E-Scooters onto MTS Premises:** Ensure that e-scooters are not brought to or used on any MTS property, including offices, depots, stations, trackside areas, or any other MTS-controlled locations.
2. **Communicate this requirement:** Managers and supervisors are responsible for informing their teams and contractors about this prohibition. Please ensure that all visitors are also aware of this prohibition before arriving on MTS premises.
3. **Remove Stored E-Scooters:** If any e-scooters are currently stored at MTS facilities, please arrange for their immediate removal.
4. **Report Non-Compliance:** If you witness the use of e-scooters on MTS premises, report the incident immediately. Any violation of this alert will be subject to disciplinary action.
5. **Encourage Safe Alternatives:** Employees are encouraged to explore alternative transport options, such as bicycles, public transportation, or carpooling. Bicycle storage facilities are available at various MTS locations.

Stay Safe, Follow the Rules, and Support a Safe Workplace for Everyone!

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