

## **Death of Dallas Rental Scooter Driver Points Out the Need for Caution on Both Streets and Sidewalks, Says Legal Defenders at the Law Offices of Burg & Brock**

*The Los Angeles-based personal injury law firm comments on a recent article that the tragic death of a young Dallas man shows how vulnerable human beings are to falls and collisions when prevention fails.*

LOS ANGELES ([PRWEB](#)) October 05, 2018 -- A September 20th [article](#) in the Richmond Times-Dispatch reports on the death of a 24 year-old Dallas man after falling from a rented scooter. The death was ruled to be the result of a head trauma. As the article points out, the tragedy comes in the wake of rapidly increasing scooter injuries nationwide and a new California law legalizing helmetless scooter driving for adults. Los Angeles based [personal injury law firm](#) Legal Defenders at the Law Offices of Burg & Brock says that the incident points out the importance of individuals taking responsibility for their own safety.

The law firm says that the rapidly increasing popularity of rental scooters among the youthful population of major cities nationwide – definitely including Los Angeles – means that new hazards are on the way for both users of the scooters and pedestrians. The law firm notes that there's no particular reason to believe that driving scooters are any safer than other small vehicles, and the hazards associated with smaller vehicles are well established. The fact that many users tend to stay on sidewalks may limit the chances of accidents involving cars and trucks, but it also exposes pedestrians to a new and potentially serious risk, since electric scooters may be faster than most bicyclists are able to go.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch article quotes Dr. Sam Torbati, medical director of the Los Angeles Cedars Sinai Emergency Department, pointing out that electric scooters are essentially slower mopeds. "People seem to feel safe since it looks like a recreational tool, but it comes with potential for serious injury." Legal Defenders adds that, while the temptation to eschew helmets is understandable in terms of convenience, it's important for adults to realize that the risks of death from a head trauma are very real, and that protection of the head while driving these kinds of vehicles may be important as wearing a seat belt in a car. It's also important, the law firm says, to be aware of the safety of pedestrians on sidewalks and streets; driving a scooter while distracted or under the influence is not only illegal but could create serious liability issues in the event of a collision. The firm concludes by noting that, while California may permit adult scooter riders and bicyclists to avoid helmets, riders should be extremely aware of their adult responsibilities and make thoughtful and responsible decisions.

Interested readers who like to learn more about Legal Defenders at the Law Offices of Burg & Brock may call (800) 926-8197 or visit the firm's website at [www.LegalDefenders.com](http://www.LegalDefenders.com).



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