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Staying safe on the footpath

It is a common occurrence - a bike, scooter or skateboard flying past you as you walk down the street. For many people, this can make them feel unsafe.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley is encouraging people who ride skateboards, scooters or bikes on footpaths to walk.

“Strictly speaking, skateboards, scooters and bikes are not allowed to be used on the footpaths in Indigo Shire because they can be dangerous to other people who are using the footpath,” Cr Pockley said.

“We do want our residents to get out and about, getting some exercise and enjoying all that our Shire has to offer. Council has built a number of skate parks around the Shire for skateboarders and bike riders to use. I encourage people to take advantage of these, and when they are on their way to the skate parks to walk with their skateboards or bikes, rather than ride them on the footpath,” Cr Pockley said.

“There are a number of concerned residents who often feel threatened or in danger when bikes, scooters and skateboards are used on our footpaths and there have been some cases recently of people being injured by riders,” Cr Pockley said.

There is a \$200 fine for using a skateboard, scooter or bike on a footpath in the Shire. For more information, or to report any issues, please contact Indigo Shire Council Team Leader Enforcement Services Nick McDonald on 02 6028 1100 or 1300 365 003.

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Caption: Indigo Shire Council Team Leader Enforcement Services Nick McDonald is encouraging people to use the skate parks around the Shire.