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The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) has indicated that mobility scooter users should be offered better guidance on their use.

Speaking in the wake of newly revealed data showing the large number of incidents involving scooters in the last few years, the group said that the best way to prevent mobility scooter accidents is to improve the quality and availability of guidance and training.

Nick Lloyd, road safety manager at RoSPA, explained that the number of accidents involving mobility scooters nationwide is increasing every year.

Mr Lloyd said: "Mobility scooters provide an important form of transport for many people who might otherwise not be able to get out and about. They help people to enjoy a much better quality of life than they would otherwise do.

"However, as with all forms of transport, they create some risk for both the user and for other people.

"The number of accidents and casualties involving mobility scooters has only been recorded for the last few years but these figures indicate that they are increasing which is very worrying."

Mr Lloyd added: "We don't believe that extensive new regulations are needed but it would help if it was made clear that road traffic laws governing careless and dangerous driving, driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol, and using a mobile telephone while driving apply to mobility scooter users."

"Both mobility scooter users and motorists should look out for one another"