



statement said, without identifying where the malfunctioning scooters are located. “Like all forms of transportation, there is risk that we work to mitigate but cannot entirely eliminate.”

The paper [published bloody images](#) of one rider who allegedly broke his jaw on both sides this month when a Lime scooter he was riding stopped without warning, tossing him overboard.

“The wheels just stopped and locked in place, and I got thrown off the front of the scooter,” he added.

This month, a Texas man [told the Austin American Statesman](#) that he landed in the street when the wheels of the Lime scooter he was riding suddenly locked in place. Jeremiah Mahoney, 38, told the paper he has filed a lawsuit against Lime that accuses the company of negligence. Mahoney is seeking \$10,000 in damages, the Statesman reported.

In an apologetic [op-ed published by the Herald on Monday](#), Mitchell Price — Lime’s director of government affairs and strategy — described a mechanical problem that was not only dangerous, but difficult to resolve.

“We hired a world-renowned, multi-disciplinary engineering and scientific consulting firm to act as an independent expert to determine the cause of the problem,” he added.

Price also noted that Lime is working with consumer protection agencies around the world to ensure its devices meet “rigorous safety expectations.”

At least one of those investigations involved the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, which began working with Lime in November after The Post reported that the company's scooters had been breaking apart for months while people were riding them. The company had continued to rent out structurally unsound scooters despite receiving warnings from company mechanics and other workers.

News about the breaking scooters arrived several weeks after the company acknowledged that it had **pulled thousands of its scooters off the streets last summer** after discovering that a small number of them may have been carrying batteries with the potential to catch fire.

This month, a 21-year-old exchange student from Ireland was killed in an accident involving a Lime scooter.

Police say Mark Sands was riding a Lime scooter and traveling in the wrong direction on a busy downtown street in Austin when he was struck by an Uber driver, leaving him badly injured. He was taken to a hospital but died the next day, authorities said.

Though no official tally is known, an unofficial count suggests that Sands is at least the third person to die in an accident involving the electric mobility devices that have swept across the nation in the past year.

Sands's death follows the deaths of two other men in recent months. Jacoby Stoneking — a 24-year-old Dallas man — died after falling off a Lime electric scooter in September and receiving blunt force head injuries, authorities said. Carlos Sanchez-Martin of Silver Spring, Md., [was struck and killed by an SUV in September](#) while riding a Lime scooter in Washington.

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