



E-BIKES

WHAT ARE E-BIKES?

- E-BIKES ARE BICYCLES EQUIPPED WITH A SMALL ELECTRIC MOTOR AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY TO ASSIST WITH PEDALING, MAKING IT EASIER TO TRAVEL LONGER DISTANCES AND TACKLE HILLS
- E-BIKES ARE TYPICALLY CLASSIFIED INTO THREE CATEGORIES BASED ON SPEED AND MOTOR ASSISTANCE (CLASS 1, 2 AND 3)
- E-BIKES MUST HAVE A LABEL STATING THEIR CLASS, TOP ASSISTED SPEED, AND MOTOR WATTAGE

CALIFORNIA E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	MAX SPEED	AGE LIMIT	HELMET REQUIRED
1	PEDAL-ASSIST ONLY	20 MPH	NONE	UNDER 18
2	THROTTLE-ASSIST (NO PEDALING REQUIRED)	20 MPH	NONE	UNDER 18
3	PEDAL-ASSIST ONLY, SPEEDOMETER	28 MPH	16+	ALL AGES

GENERAL RULES OF THE ROAD

- ALL THREE CLASSES ARE RECOGNIZED AS BICYCLES UNDER CALIFORNIA LAW, WHICH GRANTS THEM ACCESS TO PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADWAYS
- E-BIKE RIDERS MUST FOLLOW ALL STANDARD BICYCLE TRAFFIC LAWS, INCLUDING SPEED LIMITS, STOPPING AT STOP SIGNS AND RED LIGHTS, YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS, AND SAFE PASSING
- IF AN E-BIKE RIDER IS TRAVELING TOO SLOWLY ON THE ROAD AND IMPEDING TRAFFIC, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE AS FAR TO THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY AS PRACTICABLE AND USE THE BIKE LANE IF ONE IS AVAILABLE
- ALL E-BIKE RIDERS MUST FOLLOW ALL STANDARD BICYCLE TRAFFIC LAWS
- NO DRIVERS LICENSE, REGISTRATION, OR INSURANCE IS REQUIRED





MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

DEFINITION & GENERAL RULES

- A MOTORIZED (ELECTRIC) SCOOTER IN CALIFORNIA IS DEFINED AS A TWO WHEELED DEVICE WITH A FLOORBOARD, HANDLEBARS, AND AN ELECTRIC MOTOR, DESIGNED TO BE STOOD UPON WHILE RIDING
- YOU MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD, AND HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR INSTRUCTION PERMIT TO OPERATE A MOTORIZED SCOOTER IN PUBLIC SPACES
- MOTORIZED SCOOTERS DO NOT NEED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE DMV AND DO NOT REQUIRE LICENSE PLATES
- ALL TRAFFIC LAWS APPLICABLE TO MOTOR VEHICLES ALSO APPLY TO SCOOTER RIDERS



WHERE YOU CAN RIDE

- MOTORIZED SCOOTERS CAN BE OPERATED ON ROADS WITH A SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MPH OR LESS
- SCOOTERS MUST BE OPERATED AS CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE TO THE RIGHT-HAND CURB OR EDGE WHEN MOVING SLOWER THAN TRAFFIC
- YOU MUST USE A BIKE LANE WHERE ONE IS AVAILABLE
- RIDING ON SIDEWALKS IS PROHIBITED

SPEED AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT FOR MOTORIZED SCOOTERS IS 15 MPH
- NO PASSENGERS ALLOWED; ONLY ONE RIDER PER SCOOTER
- MOTORIZED SCOOTERS MUST HAVE PROPER LIGHTING DURING LOW-LIGHT CONDITIONS; A WHITE FRONT LIGHT, A RED REAR REFLECTOR, AND SIDE REFLECTORS
- RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OLD ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROPERLY FITTED AND FASTENED BICYCLE HELMET. ADULTS (18+) ARE NOT LEGALLY REQUIRED TO WEAR A HELMET, THOUGH IT IS RECOMMENDED

