

Electric Scooters: What Parents Need to Know

Electric machines have become a popular mode of transportation, especially for our youth, but these machines come with significant safety risks and carry legal guidelines which must be followed during operation.

Relevant California Law on E-Scooters- CVC §21235

- **Valid Driver's License:**

Riders must possess a valid driver's license or instruction permit.

- **Helmet Requirement:**

Persons under age 18 must wear a properly fitted & fastened bicycle helmet.

- **Road Usage:**

E-scooters must be ridden on the road or in bike lanes, and are not permitted on sidewalks. Riders must obey all traffic signals and signs.

- **Speed Limit:**

The maximum speed for an e-scooter is 15MPH.

- **Passengers:**

E-scooters are designed for single riders only. Passengers are not permitted under any circumstances.

Community Responsibility:

We urge parents to familiarize themselves with the legal guidelines for e-scooter, e-bicycle, and e-motorcycle operation, and talk to their children about the importance of following both legal and safety guidelines.

Residents should report unsafe riding behavior to our non-emergency dispatch line at (530) 897-4911.

For more information on electric machine regulations and safety tips, please visit the California Department of Motor Vehicles website.

Electric Bicycles: What Parents Need to Know

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Relevant California Law on E-Bicycles- CVC §21212

E-Bicycle Classifications & Legal Considerations:

CLASS 1:

- Pedals + Pedal Assist
- Max Speed 20MPH
- Helmet Required for Riders Under 18
 - May be ridden both On & Off-roadway, bike paths or trails
- No license required

CLASS 2:

- Pedals + Pedal Assist
- *Throttle Assist
- Max Speed 20MPH
- Helmet Required for Riders Under 18
 - May be ridden both On & Off-roadway, bike paths or trails
- No license required

CLASS 3:

- Pedals + Pedal Assist
- Max Speed 28MPH
- Must Be Age 16 to Ride
- Helmet Required for ALL Riders
 - May be ridden Off-roadway bike paths or trails
- No license required

E-MOTOS ARE NOT E-BICYCLES

- **If there are no pedals (only foot pegs)- it's a motorcycle**
- **If the motor has more than 750 watts- it's a motorcycle (even if it has pedals!) *** E-Motos are intended for off-road use only *****

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