



SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE E-BICYCLE/MOTORCYCLE ENFORCEMENT GUIDE



CVC 312.5(a)(1)/(2)

Equipped with an electric motor and pedal assisted (Class 1) and/or throttle assisted (Class 2), reaches the speed of **20 miles per hour**.

MOVING

- CVC 21200.5** DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M)
- CVC 21202(a)** Right half of Roadway
- CVC 21203** Hitching rides on vehicles
- CVC 21204(b)** Passenger must be seat on permanent seat/Passenger under 4 yrs/40 lbs must be seated away from moving parts
- CVC 21205** Carrying articles, not holding handlebars
- CVC 21211(b)** Impede/Block others on bicycle trail/path
- CVC 21212(a)** Under 18 must wear helmet
- CVC 21456.2(a)** Failure to obey traffic control signs
- CVC 21650.1** Travel same direction of vehicles (on roadway)
- CVC 22110(a)/(b)/(c)** Failure to use hand and arm signals

EQUIPMENT

- CVC 21201(a)** Wheel brake required
- CVC 21201(b)** Handlebar height not higher than shoulders
- CVC 21201(c)** Operator able to reach ground
- CVC 21201(d)(1-4)** Lights/reflectors during darkness
- CVC 21204(a)** Must have permanent seat attached
- CVC 24016(d)** Modify/Tamper to increase speed

*Property - CANNOT BE TOWED/IMPOUNDED



CVC 312.5(a)(3)

Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of **28 miles per hour** and equipped with a speedometer.

MOVING

- CVC 21200.5** DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M)
- CVC 21201(c)** Operator able to reach the ground
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- CVC 21203** Hitching rides on vehicles
- CVC 21204(b)** Passenger must be seat on permanent seat/Passenger under 4 yrs/40 lbs must be seated away from moving parts
- CVC 21205** Carrying articles, not holding handlebars
- CVC 21207.5** Riding on bicycle trail/path/lane, hiking/equestrian/recreation trail
- CVC 21211(b)** Impede/Block others on bicycle trail/path
- CVC 21213(a)** Under 16 year old operating
- CVC 21213(b)** No helmet (Any Age)
- CVC 21456.2(a)** Failure to obey traffic control signs
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CVC 406(a)

Two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power or having no pedals if powered solely by electrical energy, and an automatic transmission and a motor that produces less than 4 gross brake horsepower and can propel the device at a **maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour**.

MOVING

- CVC 21200.5** DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M)
- CVC 14601.1(a)** Suspended Driver
- CVC 12500(a)** Unlicensed Driver
- CVC 12500(b)** M1 or M2 Endorsement Required (M)
- CVC 23127** Unauthorized. Vehicle on trail/path (M)
- CVC 27803(b)** Driver DOT Helmet Required
- CVC 27803(c)** Passenger DOT Helmet Required

EQUIPMENT

- CVC 5030** Special License Plate Required
- CVC 5037(a)** License Plate attached
- CVC 5200(b)** Rear Plate required
- CVC 24600(a)** Tail lamp required
- CVC 24603(a)** Brake light required
- CVC 24607(a)** Rear Red Reflector required
- CVC 25650.5** Lighted Headlamp as engine runs
- CVC 26311(a)** Brakes required both wheels
- CVC 26709(a)** One Rearview Mirror required
- CVC 27000(a)** Horn required
- CVC 27465(b)(1)** Bald Tires
- CVC 4000(a)** Registration required
- CVC 16028(a)** Proof of Insurance

VEHICLE - May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED



CVC 407.5(a)

Two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has either a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding or a seat and footrests in place of the floor board, and is powered by an electric motor. This device may also be designed to be powered by human propulsion.

MOVING

- CVC 212221.5** DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)
- CVC 21228** Must ride on right side of roadway
- CVC 21229(a)** Must ride in bicycle lane
- CVC 21229(b)** Unsafe movement out of bicycle lane
- CVC 21235(b)** Shall NOT ride on HWY posted higher than 25 MPH unless in Bicycle Lane
- CVC 21235(c)** Helmet required (Under 18)
- CVC 21235(d)** Must have valid DL or Instruction Permit
- CVC 21235(e)** No passengers
- CVC 21235(f)** Carrying load preventing at least one hand on handlebar
- CVC 21235(g)** Riding on sidewalk prohibited
- CVC 21235(h)** Handlebars above shoulders on HWY
- CVC 21235(i)** Leave o side blocking sidewalk/pathway
- CVC 21235(j)** Ride while attached to a vehicle
- CVC 22411** Shall NOT exceed 15 MPH (Max Speed)

EQUIPMENT

- CVC 21235(a)** Must have a mechanical break
- CVC 21223(a)(1)** Front light during darkness visible 300'
- CVC 21223(a)(2)** Rear red reflector visible 500'
- CVC 21223(a)(3)** Side reflector white or yellow visible 200'
- CVC 21226(b)** Adequate muffler/Excessive noise
- CVC 21226(d)** Modified exhaust system

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CVC 400(a)/(b)

Motor vehicles have a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.
A motor vehicle that has four wheels in contact with the ground, two of which are a functional part of the sidecar, is a motorcycle if the vehicle otherwise comes with the definition of subdivision (a).

MOVING

- CVC 23152(a)-(h)** DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)
- CVC 23127** Unauthorized vehicle on trail/path
- CVC 12500(a)** Unlicensed Driver (M)
- CVC 12500(b)** M1 or M2 Endorsement Required (M1 not required for a 3 wheel)
- CVC 14601.1(a)** Suspended Driver (M)
- CVC 27803(b)** Driver DOT Helmet required (Unless fully enclosed)
- CVC 27803(c)** Passenger DOT Helmet required (Unless fully enclosed)

EQUIPMENT

- CVC 5200(b)** Rear Plate Required
- CVC 5201(a)** License Plate clearly visible/Secure/Horizontal/12" from ground/Rear mounted
- CVC 24012** Turn signal 9" apart rear/16" apart front
- CVC 24953(a)** Turn signal forward/rear facing
- CVC 24600(a)** Tail Lamp required
- CVC 24600(f)** Tall Lamp min 15" from ground
- CVC 24601** License Plate light required, must be white
- CVC 24603(a)** Brake Light required
- CVC 24603(c)** Brake Light min 15" from ground
- CVC 24607(a)** Rear Red Reflector required
- CVC 24650.5** Lighted Headlamp as engine runs
- CVC 26311(a)** Brakes required both wheels
- CVC 26709(a)** One rearview mirror required
- CVC 27000(a)** Horn required
- CVC 27150(a)** Muffler required
- CVC 27155** Tank Cap Required
- CVC 27465(b)(1)** Bald Tires
- CVC 4000(a)** Registration required
- CVC 16028(a)** Proof of Insurance

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CVC 405

Any motorcycle with a motor that displaces less than 150 cubic centimeters.

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- CVC 23152(a)-(g)** DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)
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- CVC 12500(b)** M1 Endorsement Required (M)
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CVC 473(a)

Two-wheeled motorized device that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and that is not designed or manufactured for highway use. "Pocket bike" does not include an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in section 436.

MOVING

- CVC 21720** May NOT operate on sidewalks, roadway, bicycle/equestrian/hiking/recreational path/trails or public lands.

IMPOUND

- CVC 21721(a)** Pocket bike (Held for Min. 48 hrs)

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	PEDAL OPERATED	MAX SPEED (MPH)	MINIMUM AGE (YRS)	DRIVER LICENSE REQUIRED	REGISTRATION/ LICENSE PLATE REQUIRED	HELMET REQUIRED	ALLOWED ON BIKE PATHS/TRAILS	ALLOWED ON SIDEWALK	ALLOWED ON THE ROADWAY
BICYCLE	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
CLASS 1 E-BIKE	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
CLASS 2 E-BIKE	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
CLASS 3 E-BIKE	YES	28	16 VC 21213(a)	NO	NO	YES VC 21213(b)	NO ¹ VC 21207.5	YES	YES
MOTORIZED SCOOTER	YES	15	15 ^{1/2}	YES VC 21235(d)	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21235(c)	YES	NO VC 21235(g)	=/> 25 MPH ST UNLESS IN BIKE LN VC 21235(b)
MOPED/MOTORIZED BIKE	YES/NO	N/A	15 ^{1/2}	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO ¹ VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
MOTORCYCLE	NO	N/A	15 ^{1/2}	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLES	NO	N/A	15 ^{1/2}	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
POCKET BIKES	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO VC 21720	NO VC 21720	NO VC 21720
OFF HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES VC 38170(b)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	NO VC 38025
LOW SPEED VEHICLE VC385.5	NO	25	15 ^{1/2}	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	NO	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	=/> 35 MPH ST VC 21260
GOLF CART VC345	NO	15	N/A	NO	NO	NO	ONLY IF DESIGNATED	NO VC 21663	=/> 25 MPH ST UNLESS IN BIKE LN VC 21716

¹ Unless local ordinance is adopted authorizing use on trails/paths

TOW AUTHORITIES FOR DL OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CVC 22651(o)(1) Unregistered/Expired Registration
CVC 22651(p) No License Driver Present (Not legally parked)
CVC 14602.6(a) Suspended Driver or Never been issued a DL (30 Day Impound)
CVC 23109.2(a)(1) Reckless Driving (30 Day Impound)
CVC 21721(a) Pocket Bike (Held for Min. 48 hrs.)

OTHER MOTORS VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

CVC 23103 Reckless Driving - (a) on HWY, (b) Off Street Parking Facility (M)
CVC 23109(c) Exhibition of Speed (M)