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BIKE SAFETY



**Safety Tips, E-Bikes,
& Laws**

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Safety Tips

- Wear a helmet
 - make sure it is worn properly
- Be visible
- Follow the rules of the road
 - travel in the direction of traffic
- Stay alert
- Obey traffic laws
- Check your bike equipment prior to riding
 - A-B-C: Air, Brake, Chains
- Use lights
 - front white light
 - rear red reflector
- Use proper hand signals
- Be aware of your speed
- Use bike lanes or bike paths



E-bikes

Electric bikes, or e-bikes, have grown increasingly popular in recent years. Therefore, education about e-bikes is vital to ensure safe riding practices, general knowledge of e-bikes, and the rules regarding them. According to the DMV, there are three e-bike classifications which follow the same rules of the road as bicycles. E-bikes must have a manufacturer label with their designated class, top-assisted speed, and motor wattage listed.



CLASS 1: A low speed pedal-assisted e-bike that provides assistance only when rider is pedaling and accelerates no greater than 20 mph. Allowed on bike trails.

CLASS 2: A low speed throttle-assisted e-bike that has an electric motor which can propel the bike without pedaling and accelerates no greater than 20 mph. Allowed on bike trails.

CLASS 3: A pedal-assisted e-bike with a speedometer and motor that provides assistance when rider is pedaling and accelerates up to 28 mph. Allowed on bike routes not bike paths. Must be 16 or older.

E-bikes	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Pedal Assist	✓	✓	✓
Throttle		✓	
Helmet Required	18 & under	18 & under	All ages
Max Speed	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph

Laws

State & Local

California Vehicle Code

[CVC 312.5:](#) Electric Bicycle Defined

[CVC 21212a:](#) Helmets Required for Riders Under 18 Years of Age

[CVC 21213:](#) Electric Bike Age Restriction

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Walnut Creek Municipal Code

[3-5.801:](#) Driving and Riding on Sidewalks

[3-5.807:](#) Bicycles Prohibited in Certain Areas

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