

E-bike Rules



California designates three classes of electric bicycles. Knowing the class of your electric bicycle will tell you where and how you can ride.

	Pedal bike	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	E-motorcycle*
Pedal assist		●	●	●	
Throttle			●		●
Max speed	Speed limit	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph	60 mph+
Minimum age	None	None	None	16	16
Driver's license	No	No	No	No	Yes
Helmet required	Under 18	Under 18	Under 18	All ages	All ages
Helmet recommended	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages
Allowed on sidewalks	No	No	No	No	No
Allowed on trails	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

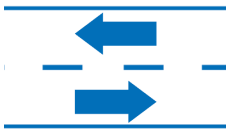
*E-motorcycles have different requirements than e-bikes. Riders need a license, vehicle registration and insurance, and must follow the same rules on the road as motorcycles.

All e-bikes



Passengers

Only allowed on bikes specifically made for additional riders
Must have a seat for passengers
Often have footrests for the passenger



Where to ride

Ride in the same direction as traffic
Use bike lanes when available
Do not ride on sidewalks or crosswalks



Signs & signals

Obey all traffic signs and signals
Come to a complete stop at stop signs and red lights
Look before turning



Safety

Ride with care
Reduce speed when needed
Be aware of all other road users



This "sharrow" means the lane is too narrow for bikes and cars to travel side by side. Ride toward the middle of the lane and avoid unsafe passing. Bicyclists have a right to share the road, even if no sharrow is present.