Know What Your Child is Riding

E-bikes can reach high speeds with little physical effort. Before choosing one for your child, understand the different types, safety requirements, and where they can legally be ridden.



CLASS 1:
PEDAL ASSIST
MAX 20 MPH
HELMET REQUIRED
UNDER 18



CLASS 2:
THROTTLE ASSIST
MAX 20 MPH
HELMET REQUIRED
UNDER 18



CLASS 3:
PEDAL ASSIST
MAX 28 MPH
16+ YEARS OLD TO RIDE
HELMET REQUIRED FOR
ALL AGES

All three classes require working pedals and an electric motor of 750 watts or less.

E-motos are NOT e-bikes and are NOT street legal!



E-MOTO (Off-Highway Electric Motorcycle)

- Not permitted on public streets, sidewalks, bike lanes, or public paths and trails
- Designed for off-highway use only
- No manufacturer-provided pedals
- Motorcycle helmet required
- Illegal street use may result in tickets or impoundment

Before You Buy or Ride

- **Check the label:** Confirm the e-bike's class, motor power, and maximum assisted speed.
- **Know the rules:** Check age requirements and where the bike can legally be ridden.
- **Consider your child's riding skills:** Can they safely handle the bike's weight and speed?

More E-bike Safety Resources

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