



Your New E-Bike



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

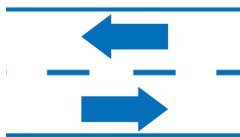
	Pedal bike	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Pedal assist		●	●	●
Throttle			●	
Max speed	Speed limit	20 mph	20 mph	28 mph
Minimum age	None	None	None	16
Driver's license	No	No	No	No
Helmet required	Under 18	Under 18	Under 18	All ages
Helmet recommended	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages
Allowed on sidewalks	No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

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 in crosswalks



Signs & signals

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



Safety

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



In 2022, the Carlsbad City Council passed new rules covering e-bikes. These rules are stricter than state laws because they specifically prohibit careless and reckless riding.

Carlsbad's rules also allow first time offenders to take a free safety course instead of paying the citation's fine. This provides an opportunity to learn the rules of the road and develop safer riding habits overall.