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 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	All ages	All ages	All ages	All ages
recommended				
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



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.

If there are no marked bike lanes or sharrows present, bicyclists have a right to share the road.