



# YOU HAVE THE POWER TO E-BIKE SAFELY

With e-bike popularity on the rise, be sure you and your loved ones know the laws, regulations, and responsibilities that come along with riding electric devices like e-bikes and e-motos.

## 1 KNOW YOUR TRAFFIC LAWS:



- E-bikes are allowed on “any road, path or way that is open to bicycle travel.” This means they can be ridden on roads (except limited access highways), bike lanes, bike paths, multi-use paths, and sidewalks.
- E-bikes must follow all traffic laws including riding with traffic and obeying traffic signals.

## 2 PROTECT YOURSELF:



- Always wear a helmet regardless of your age. The law requires riders under the age of 16 to wear one at all times.
- Limit distractions and never wear ear buds when riding.

## 4 BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS:



- The more predictably you ride, the safer you are. Don't weave in and out of traffic.
- Always be courteous to pedestrians around you.

## 3 CONTROL YOUR SPEED AND BRAKE EARLY:



- E-bikes are quick to pick up momentum and can cause severe injury when at high speeds. Give yourself the appropriate amount of time to slow down.

## 5 STAY VISIBLE



- Know that you are not as visible to drivers as they are to you. Wear bright or reflective clothing and use lights when riding in low-light conditions or at night.

## DID YOU KNOW?

E-bikes have different classifications, with different rules for each. Know what class your bike falls in, so you can follow the appropriate bike laws.

		VEHICLE		RIDER				BIKEWAY ACCESS			
		PEDAL OPERATED	MAXIMUM MOTOR-ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	MINIMUM AGE (YEARS)	DRIVERS LICENSE	LICENSE PLATE	HELMET	CLASS 1 BIKE PATH	CLASS 2 BIKE LANE	CLASS 3 BIKE ROUTE	CLASS 4 PROTECTED LANE
VEHICLE TYPE	BICYCLE	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 16	YES	YES	YES	YES
	CLASS 1 ELECTRIC BIKE	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 16	YES	YES	YES	YES
	CLASS 2 ELECTRIC BIKE	NO	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 16	YES	YES	YES	YES
	CLASS 3 ELECTRIC BIKE	YES	28	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 16	NO	YES	YES	YES
	MOPED	NO	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO