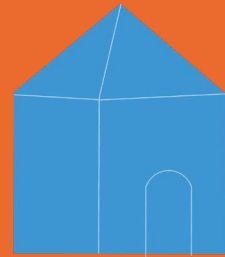


E Bikes: Get Where You Want to Go Safely!

Want to keep the ride fun and safe for everyone? Here's what you need to know before you roll out.



What kind of e-bike do you ride?

E-Bike Classes

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
Pedal Assist	✓	✓	✓
Throttle	✗	✓	✗
Max Speed	20 MPH	20 MPH	28 MPH
Age Restriction	None	None	16+ years old
Helmet Required	Under 18 years old	Under 18 years old	All ages

If your e-bike can go over 20 MPH without pedaling, or it doesn't have pedals, it's not an e-bike.



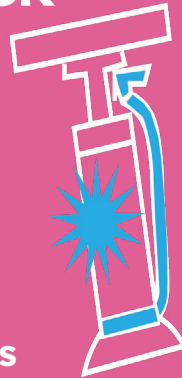
It's a motorcycle and illegal to ride without a license.

Are you ready to hit the road?

Bike and Self Check

Your Bike

- Pump your tires
- Test your brakes
- Clean and oil your chain
- Tighten your handlebars
- Close all quick release levers
- Charge your battery



Your Body and Gear

- Buckle your helmet
- Tie and tuck your shoelaces
- Put on bright or reflective clothing and gear

Practice Makes Perfect

In an empty parking lot, learn how to handle your bike.

Parking Lot Exercise:

- Start & stop with control
- Get comfortable using the throttle
- Brake at slow and fast speeds
- Use hand signals before turning



Need Support?

You can bring your E-bike to our community bike shop, **Bici Centro**, for brake checks, tune-ups and other **Do It Yourself** repairs.

Visit Bici Centro

SCAN QR CODE



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E-Bike Benefits

It's easier getting up hills, carrying more cargo (or a friend with a helmet), getting to your destination sooner, and reducing air pollution with less car exhaust fumes. While there are many benefits of E-bikes, there are also increased risks.



E-Bikes Go FAST

Fast = higher crash risk.



- Start at a lower speed and go easy on the throttle to avoid being thrown off.
- Check your surroundings often. Drivers may not look for you or realize you are traveling as fast as you are.

They're Heavy

E-bikes are harder to control and require more body strength than regular bikes.



Know Your Brakes

E-bike brakes need special attention!

- **Brake sooner.** It takes longer to stop an e-bike due to its speed and weight.
- **Brake intermittently.** It's better to rapidly brake hard multiple times rather than constantly squeezing the levers. It helps your brakes last longer.
- **E-bike brakes wear out quickly** and need to be serviced more often than non-e-bike brakes.

HINT: If your brakes squeal or make a rubbing sound, have your brakes checked (the pads may need to be adjusted or replaced).

Share the Road

You may feel confident you won't hit anyone on the road, but **you can't always predict what others may do**. Crashes do happen, and they could be your fault.

- Ride in the **bike lane** if one exists.
- When passing a person or vehicle, leave at least 5 feet of space, ring your bell and say, **"On your left!"**
- **Practice** tricks in areas where people are not present.



Bicyclists and Drivers Follow the Same Rules of the Road

At Intersections:

- **Stop at all stop signs and red lights.**
- **Yield** to pedestrians crossing.
- Whoever **arrives first goes first.**
- Yield to the person on your right if arriving at the same time.
- Signal before you turn or change lanes.
- Always ride in the same direction as traffic.



Tips that can save your life:

- Follow the rules of the road.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Ride 5 feet away from parked cars, out of the "door zone".
- Be predictable: ride in a straight line; don't swerve between parked cars.
- Pull over to a safe place if you need to use your phone to call, text or anything else.
- Use only one ear bud or use the 'Live/ Listen' feature.
- Look over your left shoulder (scan) before turning or changing lanes.

Helmets Definitely Save Lives

Wearing a helmet is smart and reduces the risk of severe head or facial fractures and traumatic brain damage.

- **Under 18? It's the law!**
- **Got a passenger?** They need a helmet too.
- **On a Class 3 e-bike?** Helmets are required, no matter your age.

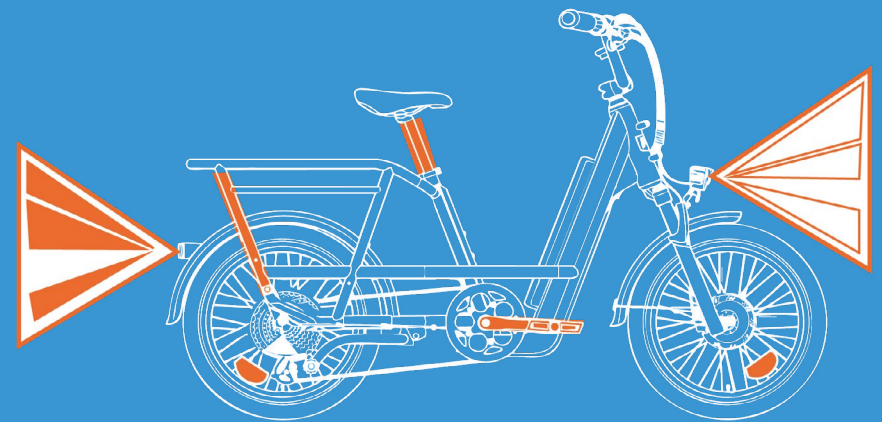


Be Bright, Be SEEN.

Reflectors and lights help drivers and other road users see you, especially at night and in low-light or foggy conditions.

In California, your bike is required to have the following lights and reflectors:

- **Front** white light
- **Rear** red reflector (but a rear red light is recommended)
- **Pedals** with reflectors
- **Side** reflectors (on spokes, tires, or frame)



Let's Give E-Biking a Good Rep! Ride chill, ride smart.

When you're respectful on your e-bike, people notice, and it helps keep e-biking welcome on our roads and trails. Stay safe, be friendly, and show everyone how awesome e-bikes can be!

Stay connected!



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What's your vision for biking in our community?

Contact your city leaders or advocacy groups like MOVE Santa Barbara County to make your voice heard.

Local Resources

- [Santabarbaraca.gov/E-bike-safety](https://santabarbaraca.gov/E-bike-safety)
- [Santabarbaraca.gov/VisionZero](https://santabarbaraca.gov/VisionZero)
- [Santabarbaraca.gov/SafeStreets](https://santabarbaraca.gov/SafeStreets)



Need an e-bike lesson?

Contact our Education and Encouragement team for group rides, skill classes, and presentations.

Email: Education@MoveSBCounty.org



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