

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



SIGNS & SIGNALS

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



SAFETY

Ride with care and due caution
Reduce speed when needed
Be aware of all other roadway users
Avoid exceeding the speed of vehicle traffic flow



PASSENGERS

Only allowed on bikes manufactured 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 on crosswalks



	PEDAL BIKE	CLASS 1 E-BIKE	CLASS 2 E-BIKE	CLASS 3 E-BIKE
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	ALL AGES	ALL AGES	ALL AGES	ALL AGES
ALLOWED ON SIDEWALKS	NO	NO	NO	NO
ALLOWED ON TRAILS	YES	YES	YES	NO

