

# E-BIKE SAFETY & EDUCATION



## E-BIKES MUST FOLLOW THE SAME LAWS AS VEHICLES WHEN ON THE ROAD

- NO CELL PHONE USE: CVC 23123.5(A)
- STOP SIGN VIOLATION: CVC 22450(A)
- RED LIGHT VIOLATION: CVC 21453(A)/(C)
- RIDE IN SAME DIRECTION AS TRAFFIC: CVC 21650.1
- ONE SEAT, ONE RIDER: CVC 21204
- HELMET REQUIRED UNDER 18 YEARS OLD: CVC 21212(A)
- RIDE HITCHING: CVC 21203
- EAR BUDS (1) EAR ONLY: CVC 27400
- MUST RIDE IN BIKE LANE: CVC 21208
- MODIFYING SPEED CAPABILITY: CVC 24016(D)
- FRONT WHITE LIGHT DURING DARKNESS: CVC 21201(D)(1)
- REAR RED LIGHT DURING ALL HOURS: CVC 21201(F)

## E-BIKE CLASSIFICATION



**CLASS 1: MAX SPEED 20 MPH**

**CLASS 2: MAX SPEED 20 MPH**

- HELMET REQUIRED FOR RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS

**CLASS 3: MAX SPEED 28 MPH/  
MAX OUTPUT OF 750W**

- MINIMUM AGE OF 16
- HELMET REQUIRED FOR **ALL** AGES

## E-MOTORCYCLE/E-DIRT BIKE

- MAXIMUM SPEED EXCEEDS 28 MPH
- MAXIMUM POWER OUTPUT EXCEEDS 750 WATTS
- NOT EQUIPPED WITH PEDALS
- CANNOT OPERATE ON PUBLIC ROADWAY/HIGHWAY
- **REQUIRES** CLASS M1 DRIVER'S LICENSE
- **REQUIRES** DOT APPROVED HELMET- ALL AGES
- **REQUIRES** OFF-HIGHWAY IDENTIFICATION PLATE WHEN OPERATED ON OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL LAND

# E-MOTORCYCLE VIOLATIONS

- UNREGISTERED VEHICLE  
CVC 4000(A)(1)  
**SUBJECT TO IMPOUND**
- UNLICENSED DRIVER  
CVC 12500(A)  
**SUBJECT TO IMPOUND**
- DRIVING OUT OF CLASS  
CVC 12500(B)  
**SUBJECT TO IMPOUND**
- LICENSE PLATE REQUIRED  
CVC 5200(B)
- NO PROOF OF INSURANCE  
CVC 16028(A)
- D.O.T. REQUIRED HELMET  
CVC 27803(B)
- OFF-HIGHWAY VEH. CONVERTED  
FOR ON-HIGHWAY USE  
CVC 38020

MOVING VIOLATIONS, TOW FEES, IMPOUND FEES, STORAGE FEES, AND ADMISINTRATIVE CITATIONS CAN RESULT IN COSTS EXCEEDING \$2,000 DOLLARS.

**SUBJECT TO 30-DAY IMPOUND: CVC 14602.6**

## PARENTS AND CARETAKERS

- PARENTS MAY BE CITED AND FINED FOR THEIR CHILD'S E-BIKE VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING RIDING WITHOUT REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT OR OPERATING AN UNSAFE OR UNLAWFUL E-BIKE.
- DEPENDING ON VIOLATION, ENFORCEMENT MAY INCLUDE FINES, BIKE IMPOUNDMENT, MANDATORY SAFETY EDUCATION, OR, IN SERIOUS CASES, CHILD-ENDANGERMENT CONSIDERATIONS, PARTICULARLY INVOLVING HIGH-POWERED ELECTRIC MOTORCYCLES THAT ARE NOT STREET-LEGAL E-BIKES, SUCH AS SURRON AND TALARIA.
- THE GOAL IS SIMPLE: PREVENT INJURIES AND KEEP YOUNG RIDERS SAFE BY ENSURING THEY HAVE PROPER EQUIPMENT, EDUCATION, AND SUPERVISION.
- PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE LAW AND TALK WITH THEIR CHILDREN ABOUT SAFE AND LEGAL E-BIKE USE.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL AT <https://bit.ly/publicsafetylaws>.

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