

Whatever you ride and wherever you go, keep these tips in mind.

Follow the rules of the road.

Be predictable –
signal, slow down at corners and intersections,
and let vehicles know what you plan to do.

Be visible –
wear bright clothes, and use lights
between dusk and dawn.

Give pedestrians the right of way.

Ride at a safe speed for the conditions.
Slow down if you are sharing a path with others.

Stay to the right except when passing,
and give an audible warning on approach.

E-Bikes, Scooters, & More

Know the Law



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Electric bicycles (e-bikes) are legally the same as bicycles. They have the same rights, and are subject to the same rules. Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 e-bikes can be operated wherever a regular bicycle can legally go. The same applies to motorized scooters. Other personal transporters may have different regulations.

There is no age limit for e-bikes, motorized scooters, or self-balancing scooters. Riders under 16 must wear a helmet.

E-bikes made after 2021 must have a label stating the wattage and top assisted speed. If the e-bike's wattage or speed are later modified, the label must be replaced, showing the new capabilities.

Check with your city for local restrictions.



Self-Balancing Scooter (Segway, Hoverboard)

A single-rider board with two parallel wheels, max speed 19 mph.

License and Registration: NO

Where You Can Ride: Trails, multi-use paths, and sidewalks, unless prohibited by local ordinance; may only ride on roads with a speed limit of 25 mph or less.

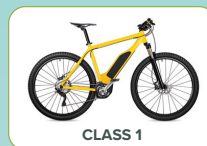


Motorized Scooter

A two- or three-wheeled device with handlebars, with or without a seat, with a max speed of 20 mph.

License and Registration: NO

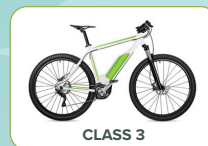
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CLASS 1



CLASS 2



CLASS 3

E-Bikes

Class 1: Electric motor only engages during pedaling, max speed 20 mph.

Class 2: Electric motor can engage with or without pedaling, max speed 20 mph.

Class 3: Electric motor only engages during pedaling, max speed 28 mph.

All classes have max 750W electric motor.

License and Registration: NO

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Other Personal Transporters

Some other electric vehicles include electric skateboards, electric self-balancing skateboards, and electric unicycles. New variations continue to be developed. In general, vehicles

with a top speed not exceeding 20 mph follow the same rules as bicycles.

Electric Dirt Bikes Are NOT STREET LEGAL



Electric dirt bikes or e-motos are much more powerful than e-bikes. They can reach speeds up to 70 mph. It is **ILLEGAL** to ride them on roads, sidewalks, or public trails.

OPERATING AN UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE IS A VIOLATION OF FLORIDA STATUTE 320.02(1) AND CONSTITUTES A CRIMINAL OFFENSE REQUIRING A MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE.