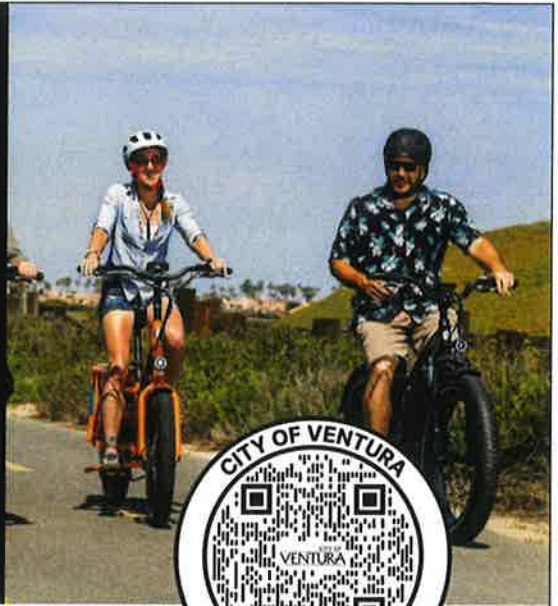


# STAY SAFE ON YOUR ELECTRIC BICYCLE

Ventura PD offers various resources online so you can easily access important safety information:



## IT'S THE LAW:

**According to the California Vehicle Code, electric bikes (e-bikes) are classified as standard bicycles and must not exceed 750 watts or 28 mph.**

- It is against the law in California to modify or tamper with e-bikes in a way that changes the speed capability, unless the rider also changes the bike's classification.
- Any bike exceeding 750 watts, bicycles with gas motors, or two-wheeled vehicles without pedals have license, registration, insurance, and age requirements.
- **Do not remove the label on an e-bike.** All e-bikes are required to have posted labels with the top assisted speed, classification number, and motor wattage.
- All cyclists, including e-bike riders, must adhere to the same rules of the roads as motorists. Cyclists who don't follow the rules are subject to ticketing and fines as defined by the California Vehicle Code or City of Ventura Municipal Code.

## WHERE YOU CAN RIDE:

### **Class 1, 2, and 3 E-bikes:**

- Electric bikes are permitted anywhere regular pedal bikes are allowed to ride, such as designated bike lanes, unless there's a sign posted that specifically prohibits e-bikes.
- Remember: sidewalks and crosswalks are intended for pedestrians only. Please dismount and walk your bike in these areas.

**LEARN MORE:** [CityofVentura.ca.gov/EBikes](http://CityofVentura.ca.gov/EBikes)

# E-BIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

The state of California defines three classes of e-bikes. Under state law, anyone **under the age of 18 must wear a helmet** when riding any type of bicycle. No driver's license is required to operate Class 1, 2, or 3 electric bikes.



<20 MPH

PEDAL ASSIST

**Class 1:** Low-speed, pedal-assisted e-bike equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when a rider is pedaling. Power maxes out at 20 mph.



<20 MPH

PEDAL / THROTTLE

**Class 2:** Low-speed, throttle-assisted e-bike equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bike. Power maxes out at 20 mph.



<28 MPH

PEDAL ASSIST

**Class 3:** Pedal-assisted e-bike equipped with a motor and speedometer that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling. Power maxes out at 28 mph.

Must be 16 or older to operate. Required to wear a helmet regardless of age.

## SAFETY TIPS:

- **Pay attention to pedestrians:** Studies show that e-bike injuries are more than 3x as likely to involve a collision with a pedestrian than a traditional bicycle.
- **Ride with the flow of traffic:** Ride as far right as safely possible, and with the flow of traffic, regardless of whether you are in the street or a bike lane.
- **Follow traffic signs and signals:** Cyclists should obey the same rules as drivers, including stopping at red lights and stop signs.
- **Watch your speed:** Injuries from a crash involving an e-bike may be more serious when riding at higher speeds.
- **Do not carry passenger:** It is illegal to carry passengers on your e-bike unless your bike has an extra permanent seat, or when using a child safety seat.
- **Register your bicycle:** Bike registration can be completed online, is quick, simple, and free! It is an effective tool to help get your bike back to you in the event it is stolen and recovered.

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