



Simi Valley Police Department invites you to a . . .

Free E-Bike Safety Education Event



Tuesday, May 26, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



**Rancho Santa Susana
Community Center**
5005 E Los Angeles Ave, Simi Valley



No Registration Required

What You'll Learn

- Current laws and regulations
- Safe riding tips
- Display of different e-bike models

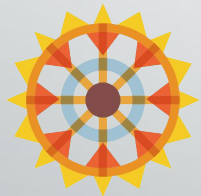


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E-Bike, E-Moto, Bicycle, and E-Scooter Safety Presentation



Simi Valley Schools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rancho Simi
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

E-Bike, Bicycle, and E-Scooter Safety

Safe Riding

California Laws

Injury Prevention

Community Awareness

**Presented by: Simi Valley Police
Department / Sgt. Josh McAlister**

Why Safety Matters



Injuries involving e-bikes and e-scooters are increasing across California



Higher speeds reduce reaction time and increase crash severity



Riders often share roads with vehicles, pedestrians, and trains



Many riders are unaware of California vehicle laws



Education and responsible riding save lives



California law treats legal e-bikes differently than motorcycles and mopeds

Basic Bicycle Safety

1. Always wear a properly fitted helmet
2. Ride in the same direction as traffic
3. Obey stop signs and traffic signals
4. Use lights and reflectors at night
5. Stay alert and avoid distractions
6. Never ride under the influence of drugs or alcohol
7. Use hand signals when turning



Bicycle Safety Tips



**Make eye
contact
with
drivers**



**Avoid
headphones
while riding
(CVC 27400)**



**Watch for
opening
vehicle
doors**



**Ride
predictably and
defensively**

What is an E-Bike?

An electric bicycle (e-bike) is a bicycle with:

- Fully operable pedals
- An electric motor of 750 watts or less
- Assistance while pedaling and/or throttle operation depending on classification
- California recognizes three legal classes of e-bikes



E-Bike Classifications (312.5(a) CVC)

(all are required to be equipped with pedals)

- **Class 1** - bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- **Class 2** - bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.
- **Class 3** - bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour, and equipped with a speedometer.

California E-Bike Classifications

California Vehicle Code 312.5 defines the three classes of e-bikes

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Motor Type</u>	<u>Maximum Assisted Speed</u>	<u>Key Rules</u>
Class 1	Pedal Assist only	20 MPH	No min age
Class 2	Throttle/pedal assist	20 MPH	No min age
Class 3	Pedal-assist only	28 MPH	16+ / helmet required

Class 1 E-Bikes

- Class 1 Definition
 - Pedal-assist only / No Throttle / Motor stops assisting at 20 MPH
- Common Rules
 - Allowed on many bike paths and trails / No driver license required / Helmet recommended for all riders
- Best Use
 - Recreational riding / School commuting / Beginner riders



Class 2 E-Bikes

- Class 2 Definition
 - Equipped with a throttle
 - Can operate with or without pedaling
 - Maximum assisted speed of 20 MPH
- Important Safety Concerns
 - Faster acceleration
 - Riders may overestimate abilities
 - Increased crash risk in crowded areas
- Safety Reminder
 - Throttle use does not remove the need to obey bicycle laws



Class 3 E-Bikes

- Pedal-assist only
 - Maximum assisted speed of 28 MPH
 - Must have a speedometer
- Class Definition
- California Laws
 - Rider must be at least 16 years old
 - Helmet required for all riders
 - Generally prohibited on many multi-use paths
 - Safety Concerns
 - Higher speeds create longer stopping distances



What is an E-Moto

An “e-moto” or electric motorcycle is typically:

- More powerful than a legal e-bike
- Often exceeds 750 watts
- May reach speeds far above 28 MPH
- Frequently lacks legal e-bike classification requirements

Many e-motos are incorrectly marketed as e-bikes



California Laws Regarding E-Motos

Important Legal Facts about Many E-Motos:

- Are NOT legally considered e-bikes
- Require registration and licensing
- Cannot legally operate on bike paths or sidewalks
- May qualify as motorcycles or off-highway vehicles

California Laws Regarding E-Motos

Common Violations

- Riding on Sidewalks
- Riding in bicycle lanes
- Operating without registration
- Underage operation
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California law distinguishes e-bikes from higher-powered electric motorcycles.



California Assembly Bill 875

- CVC 22651.08 (a) – A peace officer may remove a vehicle under the following circumstances
- 22651.08(a)(1) – A person is operating a vehicle with fewer than four wheels that does NOT meet the definition of an E-bike and is both of the following:
 - (A) – Powered by an electric motor capable of exclusively propelling the vehicle in excess of 20 MPH on a highway
 - (B) – Being operated by an operator who is not licensed to operate the vehicle
- 22651.08(a)(2) – A person is operating a vehicle that is a class 3 electric bicycle in violation of subdivision (a) of 21213.

California Assembly Bill 875 cont.

- 22651.08(b)(1) – A city may adopt at a public meeting a regulation, ordinance, or resolution imposing charges equal to its administrative costs relating to the removal, seizure, and storage costs.
- 22651.08(c) – An agency shall release a seized vehicle to the owner, violator, or their agent after a minimum of 48 hours, if both of the following conditions are met
 - (1) – The owner, violator, or authorized agent’s request is made during normal business hours
 - (2) – The applicable removal, seizure, and storage costs have been paid
- 22651.08(d) – If a peace officer removes a vehicle pursuant to this section, an agency may, as a condition of release, require the owner, violator, or the parent or legal guardian of the owner or violator to deliver proof that the violator has completed an electric bicycle safety and training program or a related local bicycle safety course

Definition of an E-Scooter (CVC 407.5)

An e-scooter (motorized scooter) is:

- A two-wheeled device
- Equipped with handlebars
- Has a standing platform or a seat
- Powered by an electric motor



California E-Scooter Laws

California Requirements

- Valid driver license or permit required
- Maximum speed: 15 MPH
- Riders 17 and under must wear a helmet
- Only one rider allowed
- Ride in bicycle lanes when available



California E-Scooter Laws

Illegal Actions

- Riding on Sidewalks
- Carrying Passengers
- Excessive speed
- Distracted riding



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Common Causes of Crashes

- Excessive Speeding
- Distracted Riding
- Riding Against Traffic
- Failure to Yield
- Unsafe Roadway Crossings
- Riding at Night Without Lights
- Inexperienced Riders Operating high-powered devices

Parents and Community Responsibility

Parents Should:

- Know what type of device their child is riding
- Verify the vehicle is legally classified
- Require helmets every ride
- Set riding boundaries and rules
- Teach traffic safety and defensive riding

Community Goal:

- Safe riders protect themselves and everyone sharing the roadway

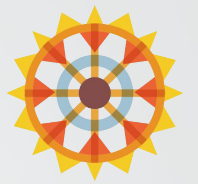


Safe Riding Checklist

Conduct before every Ride

- Helmet secured
- Brakes functioning
- Tires inflated
- Lights charged
- Phone put away
- Ride responsibly

Simi Valley Unified School District Considerations For 2026-2027 School Year



SimiValleySchools
SIMI VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary (TK– 5)

- Students are allowed to begin riding bicycles to school in 3rd grade
- Parent/guardian must complete and submit a Personal Transportation Device Agreement
- Only traditional bicycles permitted
- E-bikes and all motorized transportation devices are prohibited

Secondary Schools (6-12)

- Must fill out & submit Personal Transportation Device Agreement
- Traditional bicycles
- Class 1 & 2 e-bikes
- Class 3 e-bike (16 or older)

Personal Transportation Device Agreement

School Name:	School Year:
Student Name:	Student ID:
Parent/Guardian Name:	Grade Level (6-12 only):

Device Type (Check All That Apply)

- Electric Bike (Class 1 or Class 2 only; permitted for students in grades 6-12 only)
- Bicycle
- Non-electric Scooter
- Skateboard

Note: Class 3 e-bikes, electric motorcycles, modified e-bikes, and devices exceeding California legal e-bike classifications ~~are not permitted~~ on campus.

Parent / Guardian Permission

I give permission for my child to ride and/or bring the personal transportation device(s) listed above to and from school during the current school year. I understand that participation is contingent upon compliance with all district, school, and California vehicle laws and safety expectations.

E-bike Safety Certification Requirement

Students bringing an electric bike to school must complete an approved E-bike Safety Certification prior to bringing the device on campus.

- Completed and attached

Date Completed: _____ Training Provider: _____

Required Acknowledgements

- I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the Transportation Device Expectations and Safety Requirements outlined on Pages 2-3 of this agreement.
- I understand that failure to follow school rules and safety expectations may result in loss of transportation device privileges and/or school discipline.
- I understand the District is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged transportation devices.

Agreement and Signatures

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have reviewed and understand the expectations, responsibilities, and safety requirements associated with bringing a personal transportation device to school. We agree to follow all District and school rules related to the safe operation and use of personal transportation devices.

Student Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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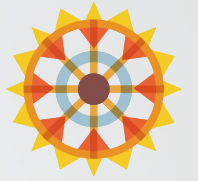
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Prohibited on all school properties

- E-motos or electric motorcycles (that do not meet the California Vehicle Code definition of an electric bicycle pursuant to Vehicle Code section 312.5)
- Gas-powered motorcycles or minibikes operated by students (that do not meet the California Vehicle Code definition of an electric bicycle pursuant to Vehicle Code section 312.5)
- E-scooters (unless student is 16 years old and possesses a valid driver's license or instruction permit)
- E-boards (unless student is 16 years old and possesses a valid driver's license or instruction permit)
- Any modified or altered e-bike or motorized device that exceeds legal power or speed limitations (in cooperation with SVPD)
- Any transportation device operated in an unsafe manner on school district property

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Safety Table Talks During Lunch

- SVPD will engage students through informal “table talks” during lunch to discuss e-bike safety, traffic awareness, helmet use, and responsible riding behaviors in a relatable and approachable setting.

Middle School Orientation Safety Presentations

- Safety presentations at middle school orientations will provide students and families with information about e-bike laws, safe riding expectations, helmet requirements, and district/community safety practices to help students begin the school year informed and prepared.

E-Bike Classification & Compliance Checks

- SVPD officers will help identify whether student e-bikes meet California Class 1, Class 2, or Class 3 standards and provide guidance on safe, legal operation.

Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District

BICYCLES / E-BIKES



- Are permitted on concrete and dirt paths during designated park hours only
- No bicycling allowed in areas where posted signs prohibit the activity
- Bicycles/E-bikes **MUST** yield to pedestrians at all times
- Riders must travel at a reasonably safe speed and may not exceed 15 mph
- All state and local helmet and protective gear laws must be followed
- Reckless bicycle operation that damages property or endangers people or animals is prohibited
- Bicycles are not permitted on basketball, tennis, pickleball, or other sports courts

Electric or battery-operated bicycles **WITHOUT** pedal assist are prohibited

Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District

Skateboards, Scooters, Roller Skates & One Wheelers



- Permitted on concrete and dirt paths during designated park hours only
- Operation of devices is prohibited where signs are posted restricting use
- All riders must yield to pedestrians at all times
- Riders must travel at a reasonably safe speed and may not exceed 15 mph
- At Berylwood Skate Plaza and Rancho Simi skating facilities, helmets, elbow pads, and knee pads are **REQUIRED** at all times
- Reckless operation that damages property, endangers people or animals is prohibited

Skateboards, skates, scooters, and one wheelers are NOT permitted on basketball, tennis, pickleball, or other sports courts

Key Takeaways

- Know the difference between e-bikes, e-motos, and e-scooters
- Follow California vehicle laws
- Ride responsibly and defensively
- Speed increases injury risk
- Safety education prevents tragedies



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