



NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

City of Newport Beach's New Municipal Code beginning January 2026.

Whether you're riding an electric bike or motorized bicycle, these safety rules help keep everyone safe... and it's the law!

1. Be careful on sidewalks (ride only where permitted) and no weaving, speeding on crowded sidewalks, riding distracted, operating a cell phone or riding at night without lights
2. Ride with traffic — Never against it
3. Yield to vehicle and pedestrians while riding
4. Don't swerve around traffic
5. No extra riders/only carry passengers if your e-bike/motorized bicycle has a second seat
6. Follow all signs and signals/obey traffic lights and road markings — just like cars do!
7. Helmets are a must if you're under 18: wear a properly fitted, buckled helmet every time you ride
8. Keep all wheels on the ground/No wheelies or stunts
9. Ride at a safe speed and never ride in a way that could endanger people or property
10. Use bike lanes when required/if a bike lane has signs saying it must be used, use it



Penalties, Impoundment & the Safety Education Program: Here's what kids and parents need to know

*If found in violation of the new City Municipal Code, a citation can be issued pursuant to 12.56.080.
Parents have the option to pay the issued fine or participate in a Diversion program*

Police Can Impound the E-Bike/motorized bike when there is a violation of the law

- Police may take the electric/motorized bike involved
- The bike can only be picked up by an adult: The adult is responsible for impound fees
- If the bike is not picked up within 90 days, it may be treated as abandoned and disposed of according to state law

Diversion Program: Learn & Avoid Penalties

- The program teaches traffic laws, safe and courteous riding, proper safety gear, and how to share public spaces responsibly
- Minors must complete the program with a parent or guardian
- A program fee may apply