NEW STATEWIDE E-BIKE REGULATIONS

A new Statewide law effective Jan. 1, 2027 will set age limits for electric mobility devices, such as e-bikes and e-scooters, and prohibit their use on sidewalks. If you see reckless or dangerous behavior on an e-device, please call the Police Department at 911. The Police Department may cite individuals for violations of the new statewide law.

DEVICE TYPE	DESCRIPTION	NEW LEGISLATION
Low-Speed Electric or Gas Bicycle	**Electric:** A bicycle with fully operable pedals and electric motor less than 750 watts. • Class 1 Pedal-Assist (Up to 20 mph): Motor only works when you pedal. No throttle. • Class 2 Throttle-Assist (Up to 20 mph): Motor can power the bike without pedaling. • Class 3 Pedal-Assist (Up to 28 mph): Motor only works when you pedal. **Gas:** A bicycle with fully operable pedals and a gas motor of less than 1 horsepower or 15 cc, operated at speeds of up to 28 mph.	**Age:** Class 1 & 2: 15+ I Class 3 & Gas Bike: 16+ **Location:** Allowed on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails. PROHIBITED on sidewalks and where signage prohibits. **Please Note:** Only Class 1 e-bikes are permitted on Glenview Park District grounds
Electric Micromobility Device	Electric scooter, skateboard, or unicycle traveling at a maximum speed of 28 mph.	**Age:** 16+ (no driver's license required) **Location:** Allowed on streets, bike lanes, bike paths, and shared-use trails. PROHIBITED on sidewalks, Park District grounds and where signage prohibits.
Motor Driven Cycle	Devices traveling faster than 28 mph, and bikes with an electric motor of 750+ watts or gas motor of 15+ cc.	**Age:** 16+ with valid driver's license **Location:** Allowed on streets*. PROHIBITED on sidewalks, bike lanes, bike paths, Glenview Park District grounds and where signage prohibits. *Device title, registration, and insurance required.
Toy Vehicle	Battery-powered toy device operating up to 10 mph, specifically designed for children under 8 (including but not limited to Razor or Power Wheels products).	**Age:** N/A **Location:** Allowed on sidewalk and bike paths. Prohibited on Glenview Park District grounds.

The information provided here is abbreviated. Please refer to the Illinois Secretary of State Office for additional information and regulation details. Devices designed for and used by a person with a mobility disability are not regulated.

RIDING SAFETY TIPS







Below are safety tips for riders of all types of equipment, from human-powered bicycles to electric devices.

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Wear a helmet. The best way to protect yourself is to wear a helmet.

Wear other protective gear. Protect the rest of your body with elbow pads, knee pads, and closed-toe shoes.

Look both ways before riding through any kind of intersection. Stop and look for cars when crossing the street or a driveway. Be careful at crosswalks and intersections.

Be visible. All equipment should have lights and reflectors.

Avoid distractions. Do not use electronic devices, including ear buds, headphones or phones while riding.

Walk your equipment in crowded areas. To avoid collisions with pedestrians and parked vehicles, walk bikes in crowded areas like Downtown, parks, and school drop-off areas or walking routes.

Ride solo. If your equipment is only intended for one person, ride solo.

Use both hands. Don't carry anything that prohibits you from having both hands on the handlebars.

Know where to ride. Traditional bicycles are allowed on sidewalks. E-bikes and e-scooters are not.