

DARIEN

POLICE DEPARTMENT



E-BIKE AND E-SCOOTER

INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE



WHAT IS A E-BIKE?

A bicycle with a motor that's less than 750 watts and has operable foot pedals

WHAT ARE THE THREE CLASSES OF E-BIKES?



CLASS 1

Pedal-assist only, with a maximum speed of 20 mph



CLASS 2

Pedal-assist or throttle, with a maximum speed of 20 mph



CLASS 3

Pedal-assist or throttle, with a maximum speed of 28 mph

CT E-BIKE LAWS

- E-bikes by manufacturer design cannot exceed **28 mph**.
- A person under **16 years old** **cannot** ride a Class 3 E-bike.
- If a child is under the age of 16 they are **required by law to wear properly fitting protective headgear (helmet)** while operating a bicycle, E-bike, non-motorized scooter, skateboard or electric foot scooter.
- E-bikes are **prohibited from sidewalks**, limited access highways and turnpikes. E-bikes shall follow all of the rules of the road, like any motor vehicle, including yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- If the speed limit of the roadway is more than the maximum speed of the e-bike, the e-bike must be operated in the right-hand lane or on the shoulder.
- E-bikes are not allowed on bike trails, bike paths or multi-use trails or paths.
- CT State law allows cyclists to ride two abreast but no more than two abreast.

WHAT IS AN E-SCOOTER

- Weighs 75 pounds or less.
- Is both electric motor- and human-powered.
- Has two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood on while riding.
- Has a maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level surface, of 20 mph or less (E-scooters by manufacturer design cannot exceed 20 mph).

No parent of any child shall authorize or knowingly permit any such child to violate any provision of the general statutes or ordinances enacted under section 14-289 relating to bicycles, E-bikes or electric foot scooters.

E-BIKE SAFETY TIPS

#1: Always wear an approved helmet.

#2: Know and follow the rules of the road! When you ride your E-bike on streets and roads, you're operating a vehicle in the eyes of the law.

That includes:

- **Stopping at stop signs and red lights.**
- Using appropriate lanes.
- Yielding when you don't have the right of way.
- Using turn signals or hand signals when appropriate.
- Using lights in dim or dark conditions.
 - Front light: A white light that can be seen from at least 500 feet away.
 - Rear reflector: A red reflector that can be seen from at least 600 feet away when directly in front of a motor vehicle's low beams .

#3: Whether you are riding your bike during the day or night, wear brightly colored clothing.

#4: Make sure you have secure footwear. Don't wear flip-flops or other shoes that could readily fall off.

#5: Make sure the battery is securely in place.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY**