

What Parents Should Know

But before buying a motorized bike for your teen, consider if it's really needed. Are steep hills or long distances preventing them from using a regular non-motorized bicycle? **Is your teen mature enough to handle the extra power and responsibilities of operating one?**



Feature	Class 1/2/3 E-Bike	E-Moto
Operable Pedals	Required	Not required (often fake)
Motor Power	≤ 750 Watt	Often 1,000-6,000 Watt
Top Speed	≤ 20-28 mph	30-65+ mph
Licensing / Registration	No	Required
Product Category	Consumer product	Motor vehicle
Street Legal for Minors?	Yes. Must be 16 to ride a Class 3 e-bike	No, unless registered and licensed



CAUTION

Teens & E-Bikes

- ☐ E-bikes are **heavier and harder to maneuver**.
- ☐ High speeds can lead to **severe crashes and injuries**.
- ☐ Riders **must obey all traffic laws**. Disobeying laws, including right of way, stopping, and wrong way riding can lead to severe crashes and injuries.
- ☐ **Parents are financially and legally liable** for incidents.
- ☐ Non-compliant or **modified e-bikes** can go faster than 20 MPH and be used for stunts/wheelies.
- ☐ **“E-motos” are often mislabeled as e-bikes** but are motorcycles in disguise.

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- ☐ Must be age 16+ and licensed
- ☐ Prohibited on sidewalks
- ☐ Prohibited on multi-use trails
- ☐ Allowed on ≤ 25 mph roads or bike lanes
- ☐ Speed limit: 15 mph
- ☐ Tandem riding prohibited
- ☐ Helmets required

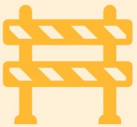


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Teens & E-Scooters



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Parents are **financially and legally liable** for their teens' e-scooter incidents

	E-Bikes	E-Scooters
Age Restriction	Class 1, 2: none Class 3: ≥ 16	≥ 16
Licensing	None	Required
Sidewalk Riding	Not generally allowed	Not allowed
Multi-use Trails	Class 1, 2: Allowed, 15 mph max Class 3: Prohibited	Prohibited
Street Riding	Allowed	Allowed on ≤ 25 mph streets or in bike lanes. Speed limit: 15 mph
Helmets	Age 17 or younger: Required for all devices. Age 18+: Required on Class 3 e-bikes	