



E-BIKE GUIDE

IS YOUR E-BIKE LEGAL?



	YES Class 1	YES Class 2	YES Class 3	NO E-moto
Top Assisted Speed 	20MPH	20MPH	28MPH	20MPH+ Throttle
Max Device Wattage 	750W	750W	750W	750W+
Operative Pedals 	✓	✓	✓	None Needed
Throttle 	✗	✓	✗	✓
Age Requirement 	NONE	NONE	16+	NONE

E-bike

E-bikes are treated in Wisconsin law as bikes, they are legal to ride anywhere a traditional bicycle is. No license, registration, or insurance is required to ride an e-bike.

E-moto

E-moto's are not legal e-bikes, they are illegal to operate on bike lanes, sidewalks, and shared use paths.

Registration, license, and insurance are required if used on public roads.



Help Make Our Streets Safer!

Do you have an idea to improve safety in your area?
Let us know by filling out our quick online form.



E-BIKE SAFETY



BUYING SAFE:

Are you interested in purchasing an e-bike? We recommend purchasing at a local bike shop. When looking for an e-bike:

- **Labels** should be affixed to e-bikes by the manufacturer indicating if the e-bike is class I, II, or III. If there is no class label, it is likely not a legal e-bike.
- **Look** for a UL mark on your devices and chargers.
- **Learn** how to brake properly and determine the wear on brakes

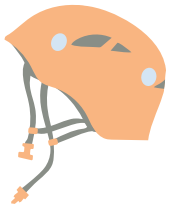
FIRE SAFETY:

Store lithium ion batteries in a dry, temperature-controlled area, never leave charging batteries unattended or near emergency exits. Buy devices that have certified batteries (UL).



HELMETS:

E-bikes travel at higher speeds, protect yourself with a helmet that is appropriate to your device. NTA 8776 helmets are e-bike standard.



STREETS & SIDEWALKS

In Madison, e-bikes are permitted to be ridden on sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike paths, and the street.

- You cannot ride on sidewalks in areas where buildings exit directly to the sidewalk
- Pedestrians ALWAYS have the right of way on sidewalks
- A white headlight and rear reflector or working rear red light are required at night
- Keep speeds low on busy and crowded paths
- Follow the same traffic rules as traditional bicycles

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