

E-BIKES & E-SCOOTERS



WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

FUN. CONVENIENT. BUT THERE ARE RULES.

Not everything sold as an "e-bike" is legally an e-bike. Know what you're buying and the rules before your child rides.

WHAT IS A LEGAL E-BIKE?

- ✓ Has operable pedals
- ✓ Electric motor / battery under 750 watts
- ✓ Motor does not assist bike faster than 20 MPH
- ✓ Meets legal Suffolk e-bike class (Class 1 & 2 only)
- ✓ Bike & battery must match legal class, wattage & speed requirements



CLASS 3 = NOT PERMITTED

Any e-bikes capable of exceeding 20 MPH (such as Class 3 models) or any modified e-bikes are not permitted for operation in Suffolk County



UNDER 16 YEARS OLD?

NOT ALLOWED!

IT IS ILLEGAL TO OPERATE AN E-BIKE OR E-SCOOTER IN SUFFOLK COUNTY ON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY OR ROADWAYS UNLESS YOU ARE 16 YEARS OR OLDER

WHERE & HOW CAN THEY RIDE?

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| ✓ Helmets required for riders & passengers | ✗ Not allowed on sidewalks |
| ✓ Must obey all traffic laws | ✗ No reckless or unsafe riding (zig-zagging, wheelies, etc.) |
| ✓ Must be 16+ years old | ✗ Not allowed on roads with speed limits over 30 MPH |
| ✓ Ride only on permitted roadways or bike lanes. If no bike lane is available, ride near the right curb or shoulder | ✗ No operating in parks, trails or on other off road properties without permission |
| | ✗ No riding under the influence of alcohol or drugs |

FINES & CONSEQUENCES

VIOLATIONS up to a

\$5,000

fine & jail time

for repeat offenses



Under 16, Illegal Bike,
Breaking the Rules or
Riding Recklessly?

E-bike/e-scooter can be

SEIZED AND IMPOUNDED

SCPD Impound Release

Redemption fees
starting at

\$1,300

PARENTS:

If your child is under 18
and found guilty, you can be
RESPONSIBLE
for the court - imposed fines



CHECK BEFORE THEY RIDE.



CHECK AGE



CHECK THE LABEL



CHECK THE ROAD



WEAR THE HELMET